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Emergency Order #3 Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04

Temporary prohibition on disconnection or discontinuance of certain services

Pursuant to Section 18 of Executive Order 2020-04 it is hereby ordered, effective immediately, that:

1. Certain essential services are necessary for the safety and protection of the public during the State of Emergency which has been declared due to the Novel Coronavirus by Executive Order 2020-04.
2. All providers of electric, gas, water, telephone, cable, VOIP, internet, and deliverable fuels service in the State of New Hampshire are hereby prohibited from disconnecting or discontinuing service for non-payment for the duration of the State of Emergency declared in Executive Order 2020-04. For the purpose of this Order, deliverable fuels includes propane, fuel oil and heating oil.
3. At the end of the State of Emergency, customers having arrearages accrued during the State of Emergency shall be provided the opportunity to make a reasonable payment arrangement over no less than a six-month period and shall not be charged any fees for late payment for arrearages accrued during the State of Emergency. No provision in this Order shall be construed as relieving a customer of their obligation to pay bills for receipt of any service covered by this Order.
4. The Public Utilities Commission shall provide assistance and guidance to the public utilities in implementing the provisions of this order.
5. The Public Utilities Commission and the Attorney General shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this Order through any methods provided by current law.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 17th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-four.

Handwritten signature of Christopher T. Sununu in cursive script.

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Emergency Order #4 Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04

Temporary prohibition on evictions and foreclosures

Pursuant to Section 18 of Executive Order 2020-04 it is hereby ordered, effective immediately, that:

1. No owner of non-restricted property or restricted property, as those terms are defined in RSA 540:1-a, may initiate eviction proceedings under RSA 540 during the State of Emergency declared in Executive Order 2020-04 and no eviction order shall be issued or enforced during the State of Emergency declared in Executive Order 2020-04. All applicable provisions of RSA 540 or any law, rule or other regulation which would allow for the initiation of eviction proceedings or the issuance of an eviction order are hereby suspended for the duration of the State of Emergency declared in Executive Order 2020-04.
2. Any violation of Section 1 this Order by a landlord, as that term is defined in RSA 540-A:1, shall be considered a prohibited act under and a violation of RSA 540-A:3.
3. All judicial and non-judicial foreclosure actions under RSA 479 or any other applicable law, rule or regulation are hereby prohibited during the State of Emergency declared in Executive Order 2020-04, and all applicable provisions of any law, rule, or other regulation which would allow for the initiation of foreclosure proceedings are hereby suspended for the duration of the State of Emergency declared in Executive Order 2020-04.
4. No provision in this Order shall be construed as relieving an individual of their obligations to pay rent, make mortgage payments, or any other obligation which an individual may have under a tenancy or mortgage.
5. The Attorney General shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this Order through any methods provided by current law.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 17th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-four.


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Emergency Order #24 Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04

Modification and clarification of Emergency Order #4

Pursuant to Section 18 of Executive Order 2020-04 it is hereby ordered, effective immediately, that:

1. Section 1 of Emergency Order #4 issued March 17, 2020 with respect to a temporary prohibition on evictions and foreclosures ("Order #4"), shall not apply to the following:

- a) Eviction proceedings initiated against an individual for violations of a lease or violations of law which result in either (i) substantial damage to the premises by the individual or members of the individual's household, or (ii) a substantial adverse impact on the health or safety of the other persons residing on the premises.
- b) Eviction proceedings initiated against an individual in cases of the individual's abandonment of their rental unit or space.

2. Section 3 of Order #4 shall not apply to the recording of a foreclosure deed and affidavit with respect to a foreclosure sale that occurred on or before March 16, 2020. Such foreclosure deeds and affidavits of sale may be recorded in the applicable county Registry of Deeds without violation of Order #4. Any eviction proceedings brought by the grantee remain subject to this Order and Order #4.

3. All other provisions of Order #4 shall remain in full force and effect.

4. All tenants are hereby advised that, consistent with Section 4 of Order #4, nothing in this Order or Order #4 relieves a tenant of an obligation to pay rent or comply with any other provision of their lease agreements. Tenants are strongly encouraged to work with their landlords to pay all rent that they can afford, and to utilize the expanded unemployment benefits provided by the State and Federal Government, where applicable, for this purpose.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive
Chambers in Concord, this 3rd day of April, in
the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty,
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America, two hundred and forty-four.


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