



CITY OF EASTHAMPTON • MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
**Nicole LaChapelle**

**Order of the Mayor due to COVID-19 Impacts on Public Safety:  
Extension of City Buildings Closed to the Public**

On March 10, 2020, Governor Charlie Baker declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. On March 13, 2020, Mayor Nicole LaChapelle (“Mayor”) declared a State of Emergency for the City of Easthampton, effective upon issue and which shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the judgment of the Mayor and Board of Health that the State of Emergency no longer exists.

In the face of an extreme risk of COVID-19 person-to-person transmission, the City’s Declaration of Emergency stays in effect and until further notice.

**City Building Closed to Public**

Easthampton City Hall, the Council of Aging, Public Schools, and all other public buildings have been closed to the public since Monday, March 16, 2020 to protect members of the public and city employees. All core municipal services are ongoing without disruption.

Effective September 1, 2020 this closure will now extend through Tuesday, December 31, 2020. Core municipal services will remain as they have been provided since Monday, March 16, 2020.

Effective Wednesday, July 15, 2020, members of the public have been allowed to schedule in-person appointments with city departments. These appointments will take place outside of City Hall (50 Payson Ave.). Accessible semi – enclosed tents are setup outside with chairs and tables.

The number of city employees in buildings continues to slowly increase BUT working remotely as much as possible is STRONGLY encouraged.

**Public Safety Complex**

The Public Safety Complex lobby at 32 Payson Avenue will continue to be accessible area to the public. However, the public will not have access to community meeting rooms. Drug drop off, and firearms licensing processing are suspended until further notice. Public contact with Dispatch will be via the lobby phone. Additionally, the sharps dispensary container was relocated to the lobby.

The actions are a part of a city-wide risk-mitigation strategy to reduce the continued heightened regional risk of cross-contamination. We are working closely with federal, state, and surrounding communities to reduce the spread of the virus further.

In order to ensure the continuing necessity of this Emergency Order, the Mayor for the City of Easthampton shall review and, as necessary, continue, amend, supersede or revoke this Order on or before December 31, 2020.

Ordered this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

The City of Easthampton, Massachusetts

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicole LaChapelle', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Nicole LaChapelle

Its Duly Elected Mayor