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**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
**Supplemental Emergency Declaration,**  
**Governmental Health and Safety Measures and**  
**Further Covid-19 Preparation and Prevention Measures**  
**2020-0003**

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Gina Raimondo declared a State of Emergency in Rhode Island and activated emergency planning; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, city residents and city business owners are not only dealing with a public health crisis, but also an economic crisis threatening household incomes and economic stability; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of this Administration to protect the health, safety and welfare of city residents and all of our employees while at the same time maintaining a basic level of city services.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, James A. Diossa, Mayor of the City of Central Falls, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 30-15-13, as well as a Sections 4-100 and 102 of the Central Falls Home Rule Charter, declare and order the following:

1. The City of Central Falls is hereby declared in the state of a local disaster emergency. This declaration shall be publicized on the city website, recorded by the city clerk and forwarded to the city council for their renewal within the next seven (7) days.
2. For the quarterly tax payment that is due on April 15, 2020, the City of Central Falls will waive all penalties and interest on this payment until June 1, 2020. Therefore, taxpayers have until June 1, 2020 to pay the fourth quarter tax bill without additional charges.
3. Starting Monday, March 23, 2020, for the quarterly tax payment that is due on April 15, 2020, the City will be waiving the 3% fee that is charged for making tax payments online. Taxpayers are encouraged to make online payments via [www.RIEGOV.com](http://www.RIEGOV.com) with their account number and their PIN number which is

printed on their tax bill (or they can receive the PIN number by calling the Mayor's Office at 401-727-7474).

4. Gatherings of 10 people or more are prohibited in Central Falls, with the exception of essential or emergency personnel in government or health care. Gatherings subject to this Order include, but are not limited to, community, civic, public, leisure, or faith-based events, sporting events with spectators, concerts, conventions, fundraisers, parades, fairs, festivals, and any other similar activity that brings together 10 or more people at the same time. The Central Falls Police Department will be enforcing this Order.
5. The following city parks and recreation areas are closed to the public until further notice: Francis Corrigan Basketball Court, Sacred Heart Basketball Court and Cowden St. Court. The remaining city parks and recreation spaces remain open to the public; however, residents are reminded that gatherings of 10 or more people are prohibited and social distancing of six (6) feet or more is encouraged. Residents are urged to stay off playground equipment, as their cleanliness cannot be guaranteed. The Central Falls Police Department will be enforcing this Order.
6. There will be a Central Falls Hotline that will be staffed from 7:00am to 9:00pm, seven days a week, for Central Falls residents to call with questions or concerns. Residents are encouraged to call 401-727-7474.
7. The Executive Orders of Governor Gina M. Raimondo 2020-02 through 2020-06 are hereby incorporated into this Order and this emergency declaration.



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James A. Diossa  
MAYOR

Dated: March 20, 2020