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**EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF NON-ESSENTIAL OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
FUNCTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, the Lexington Board of Health has determined that the situation poses a present, reasonable, and imminent danger to public health and the general welfare of the people of Lexington; and

WHEREAS, the Lexington Health Director and Lexington Public Health nurse are engaged 7 days a week, 24 hours a day in the effort to protect the public health of the people of Lexington during this emergency;

NOW THEREFORE, the Lexington Board of Health hereby authorizes the Lexington Office of Public Health to suspend all non-essential public health activities unrelated to the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 and the work to mitigate the public health impacts of COVID-19. The suspension of non-essential public health activities includes all public health inspections and permitting functions, and nuisance inspections, with the exception of the following: foodborne illness or food safety complaints, septic system failure associated with current occupants (does not include system failures identified as part of real-estate transactions with no current occupants residing on-site), and housing code complaints associated with conditions deemed to endanger or impair the health and safety of occupants as listed in 105 CMR 410.750. In addition, all public health permits with a date set to expire during this emergency order will be extended and expire 30 days after the day this emergency order is lifted.

This Emergency Order shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Lexington Board of Health's judgment, and consideration of state and national guidance, that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists.

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