



Town of Ridgeway

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EMERGENCY ORDER

Local Emergency Order for Town of Ridgeway dated May 19, 2023

I, Brian Napoli, Supervisor for the Town of Ridgeway, in accordance with the declaration of a State of Emergency issued May 17, 2023 by the Orleans County Legislature, and pursuant to Section 24 of New York State Executive Law, do hereby support the following order:

Section 1. Prohibition of foreign municipal programs that burden the Town of Ridgeway.

- A. No municipality or entity may make contracts with persons, business, or entities doing business within the Town of Ridgeway to transport migrants or asylum seekers to locations in the Town of Ridgeway, or to house persons at location in the Town of Ridgeway for any length of time without the express written permission of the Ridgeway Town Board. In addition, no person or entity may act on behalf of any municipality or in performance of a municipal program, or other act funded by a municipality, to perform an act in violation of this subsection.
- B. No hotel, motel, or owner of a multiple dwelling in the Town of Ridgeway is permitted to contract or otherwise engage in business with any other municipality other than the Town of Ridgeway (an "external municipality") for the purpose of providing housing or accommodations for migrants or asylum seekers without written approval granted by the Town of Ridgeway.
- C. Remedies
 1. Appearance tickets. The Sheriff is authorized to issue appearance tickets for any violation of this Emergency Order for the penalty prescribed by NYS Executive Law §24(5).
 2. Civil Penalties. In addition to those penalties prescribed by NYS Executive Law §24(5), any person who violates any provision of the Emergency Order or any term or condition of any license issued pursuant to this Emergency Order, shall be liable to a civil penalty, of not more than \$2,000 per migrant/asylum seeker housed by foreign municipality or other violator, for each day or part thereof during which such violation continues. The civil penalties provided by this subdivision shall be recoverable in an action instituted in the name of this County and initiated by the Town Attorney.
 3. Abatement. Regardless of any other remedy or relief brought by the Town of Ridgeway for any violation, the Town Attorney to commence actions or proceedings in the name of the Town of Ridgeway, in a court of competent jurisdiction, to abate any violation of, or to enforce any provision of this Emergency Order.

D. Remedies not exclusive.

1. No remedy or penalty specified in this Emergency Order shall be the exclusive remedy or remedy available to address any violation described in this Emergency Order.
2. Each remedy or penalty specified in this Emergency Order shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for or limitation of, the other remedies or penalties specified in this Emergency Order or in any other applicable Law.
3. Any remedy or penalty specified in this section may be pursued at any time, whether prior to, simultaneously with, or after the pursuit of any other remedy or penalty specified in this Emergency Order or in any other applicable law.
4. In particular, but not by way of limitation, each remedy and penalty specified in this section shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for or limitation of, the penalties specified in NYS Executive Law §24, and any remedy or penalty specified in this section may be pursued at any time, whether prior to, simultaneously with, or after the pursuit of any penalty specified in NYS Executive Law §24.

E. Notifications.

In addition to such other powers or duties the Sheriff of Orleans County may consider in the exercise of the Sheriff's duties with respect to this Emergency Order, the Sheriff is authorized and directed by this order to make limited stops to notify persons suspected of transporting migrants or asylum seekers into the Town of Ridgeway in violation of the restrictions and regulations of the Emergency Order, and to similarly, notify the owners and operators of facilities suspected of housing any migrants or asylum seekers, or seeking or entering agreements with external municipalities, without the written approval required by this Emergency Order.

Section 2. Punishment

In accordance with Executive Law Section §24, any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this order shall be guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor.

Section 3. Effective Date

This Emergency Order shall take effect immediately.

Section 4. Duration of Local Emergency Order

The Local Emergency Order shall remain in effect for five days unless sooner modified, extended, or revoked, and may be extended for additional periods not to exceed five days during the pendency of the local state of emergency.



Brian Napoli
Town Supervisor

Dated: May 19, 2023