



# TOWN OF KILLINGLY

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## SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020  
**TIME:** 6:30 PM  
**PLACE:** WebEx – Virtual

Public can view the meeting on Facebook Live. Go to [www.killinglyct.gov](http://www.killinglyct.gov) click on Facebook Live

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Citizens' Statements and Petitions**

Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 7B, all public comment can be emailed to [publiccomment@killinglyct.gov](mailto:publiccomment@killinglyct.gov) or mailed to Town of Killingly, 172 Main Street, Killingly, CT 06239 on or before the meeting. All public comment received prior to the meeting will be posted on the Town's website [www.killinglyct.gov](http://www.killinglyct.gov).

**4. Old Business**

- a) Consideration and action on a declaration requesting Governor Ned Lamont to reopen Killingly businesses and activities

**5. Adjournment**



***Dear Governor Ned Lamont,***

***The Town Council of the Town of Killingly, for the reasons and findings set forth herein, hereby petitions on behalf of its citizens for certain relief regarding Executive Orders issued by you to address the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic:***

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council is the elected body having legislative powers on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Killingly pursuant to the Charter of the Town of Killingly; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Killingly, located in the northeast corner of Connecticut incorporated in 1708 is the home of more than 17,000 citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Killingly has the lowest incidents of Covid-19 infection of any community of its size in Connecticut; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Killingly, having a long history of industry and commerce, is currently the home of businesses large and small including manufacturers, retailers, restaurants, and service providers; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, as Governor of the State of Connecticut, you declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting the state; and,

**WHEREAS**, on various dates thereafter you issued Executive Orders related to the pandemic including those which have required the shutdown of all businesses not deemed essential and those implementing social distance requirements and other public health measure to enable the public to safely patronize certain businesses deemed essential; and,

**WHEREAS**, both large and small businesses deemed essential, including certain retail businesses open to the public, have operated safely throughout the pandemic by employing those measures; and,

**WHEREAS**, you have established dates for the limiting opening of businesses including allowing restaurants and retailers to conduct restricted outdoor sales starting on May 20 which activities have been carefully regulated and implemented by municipal officials including local and regional public health directors; and,

**WHEREAS**, although the limited loosening of restrictions has aided a small sector of businesses to begin limited operations, the vast majority remain shuttered having profound financial impacts to their owners and workers and to the community generally; and,

**WHEREAS**, small businesses are fully capable of implementing social distancing and other public health practices that have been successfully implemented in those few businesses that have been able to operate in those restrictions can be enforced by local officials in the same manner as with those few businesses permitted to operate throughout the pandemic and since the partial business openings authorized on May 20, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, the impact on the citizens of the community has been further exacerbated by restrictions prohibiting practice of their religion in their houses of worship; and,

**WHEREAS**, local public health and other municipal officials have been given the authority by you to regulate and enforce social distancing and public health practices and have shown the ability to do so; and,

**WHEREAS**, delaying the opening of additional businesses until June 20, 2020 and restricting some to even later dates would have devastating financial consequences, particularly to small businesses which serve as the backbone of our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, local officials would have the discretion to evaluate whether, under the circumstances of the individual community and business, safe public safety practices can be implemented at any particular business or house of worship wishing to reopen; and,

**WHEREAS**, the businesses and houses of worship that wish to open in Killingly intend to diligently adhere to all public health requirements related to the pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for the reasons set forth herein, the Town Council of the Town of Killingly hereby petitions you to issue such executive orders necessary to enable all businesses and houses of worship wishing to reopen to promptly do so subject to strict enforcement of the practices deemed sufficient to enable safe operation of those businesses allowed to operate during the entire pandemic.

DATED AT KILLINGLY, CONNECTICUT this \_\_\_\_ day of May 2020.

**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY, CONNECTICUT**

*Jason Anderson, Chairman*

*Kevin Kerttula, Vice-Chairman*

*Ed Grandelski*

*Marc LaPrade*

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