I, Scott T. Morelli, City Manager of the City of South Portland, pursuant to the authority vested in me under Sec. 8-2.8 of the South Portland Code of Ordinances to “promulgate such regulations as he/she deems necessary to protect life and property and to preserve critical resources” in the event of a state of civil emergency within the City, hereby issue the following regulations, which are in addition to the Emergency Regulations issued March 26, 2020 and the Emergency Regulations Supplement #1 issued April 2, 2020 (and further amended on April 6, 2020):

Section 1. Purpose.

These regulations are issued following the state of civil emergency declared by the Mayor on March 24, 2020 and later extended by the City Council in order to reduce the risk of increasing the spread of COVID-19, preserve the public health and safety, and to ensure that the health care system is capable of serving all persons in need, especially those at high risk and vulnerable to COVID-19.

Section 2. Requiring all dogs to be leashed in areas not currently required.

Pursuant to recommendations from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, all dogs shall be on a leash between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. when in any City park, public open space, public beach, or other public space and shall be walked while maintaining at least 6 feet from non-household members and other animals. All other State laws and City ordinances related to dogs remain in effect, including, without limitation, the following:
(a) Dogs shall remain on a leash at all times on any public way, public street, public sidewalk, or public parking lot (Chapter 3, Sec. 3-19(a) of the City’s Code of Ordinances);
(b) Dogs shall remain on a leash at all times within Mill Creek Park (Chapter 3, Sec. 3-19(a) of the City’s Code of Ordinances);
(c) Dogs shall remain on a leash at all times on the Greenbelt Walkway (Chapter 3, Sec. 3-19(a) of the City’s Code of Ordinances);
(d) Dogs are prohibited in City parks between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. (Chapter 3, Sec. 3-29 of the City’s Code of Ordinances); and
(e) Dogs are prohibited on Willard Beach from May 1 to September 30 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Chapter 3, Sec. 3-29 of the City’s Code of Ordinances).

Section 3. Enforcement.

If necessary, these regulations shall be enforced by the Police Chief, or his designee, for whom the Parks and Recreation Department shall provide investigative and enforcement assistance.

Section 4. Penalties.

Pursuant to Sec. 8-2.13 of the Code of Ordinances, the penalty for violation of or failure to comply with these regulations, in addition to injunctive relief, is a fine of at least $100 but not greater than $5,000 per occurrence, plus the costs of prosecution.

Section 5. Severability.

If any provision of these regulations or their application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, this invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of these regulations, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of these regulations are declared to be severable.

Section 6. Duration.

These regulations shall be effective at 9 a.m. on Friday, April 17, 2020 and, pursuant to Secs. 8-2.6 through 8-2.7 of the Code of Ordinances, shall remain in full force and effect until either rescinded or modified by me or the emergency proclamation is terminated by the City Council.

Dated: April 15, 2020

Scott T. Morelli, City Manager