Pursuant to Emergency Order #29, which authorizes temporary modification of executive branch deadlines and other requirements, issued pursuant to Section 18 of Executive Order 2020-04 as modified and extended by Emergency Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, and 2020-20, the following is hereby ordered:

Modification and Amalgamation of Public Forums Requirements

1. The Current Use Advisory Board (CUB) is required to hold at least three public forums throughout the State to receive verbal and written general comments on current use law per RSA 79-A:4, III and as such, per Emergency Order #12, the CUB will hold its public forum both telephonically and by Webex in lieu of in-person meetings. Remote meetings aid in managing the ongoing pandemic by limiting gatherings and travel—two significant mitigation strategies to aid in New Hampshire’s response to COVID-19. The intention of the public forums is to provide residents of New Hampshire the ability to provide comments without having to travel unreasonable distances. The use of Webex and dial-in options allows residents to participate easily.

2. Given the unlimited geographic ability to participate via Webex and/or telephonically, the number of required public forums is hereby reduced from three to one.

3. Such public forum shall be widely publicized to maximize potential participation, and shall include a fourteen-day written comment period following the forum.

4. At the conclusion of the fourteen-day comment period, the CUB will hold an accessible public meeting in accordance with Emergency Order #12 to consider the comments. The CUB public meeting shall immediately follow consideration of the comments, and the CUB will then vote on the schedule of criteria and current use values for the forthcoming tax year.

5. As required, the CUB shall then begin the administrative rulemaking process per RSA 541-A.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 25th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-four.

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