

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09

EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the President of United States of America and the CDC (“Center for Disease Control”) and WHO (“World Health Organization”) have declared a medical health emergency concerning the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth Pennsylvania, issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency in response to a novel coronavirus, now known as COVID-19, which emerged in Wuhan, China, and has since spread to 89 countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 10, 2020, the County of Chester declared the Coronavirus COVID-19 PANDEMIC, a potential public health threat with the ability to cause illness, suffering, and possible death to the persons of Franklin Township, Chester County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has significant potential to endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Franklin Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania (particularly the elderly and those medically compromised); and

WHEREAS, both the President of the United States and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have indicated that local governments should take the appropriate steps to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, the Township Supervisors of Franklin Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 (b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Code, as amended, does hereby declare the existence of a Medical Disaster Emergency in Franklin Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and FURTHER DECLARES that:

- a. The effects of the COVID-19 coronavirus constitutes a clear and present danger to life;
- b. The disaster emergency declared by the Supervisors under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7501 and the resulting enabling provisions of 35 Pa.C.S. § 7501 shall continue through Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at which time or before, Supervisors shall make the determination to either end or continue the Emergency Declaration;
- c. The Supervisors directs the Township Manager to take the appropriate measures to protect Township citizens, businesses, and employees by adopting without limitation, the following measures:
 1. Limit any and all Township functions to only those deemed constitutionally mandated;
 2. Limit crowds in any and all Township buildings by eliminating any and all non-essential Township meetings and functions and limiting access to the Township facilities to only persons whose presence is absolutely necessary;

3. Extending any and all deadlines for Township responses to Right-to-Know Requests and other submissions for Land Development, Zoning, etc.;
4. If necessary, temporarily releasing all non-essential Township personnel from reporting to the Township offices for work;
5. Immediately taking the steps necessary to properly clean and sanitize Township facilities; and,
6. If necessary, the Township Manager is authorized, after the approval of Supervisors, to employ temporary workers, rent equipment, purchase necessary supplies and materials; and to enter into contracts and agreements for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of Franklin Township's citizens.

FURTHERMORE, the Township Supervisors of Franklin Township hereby directs the Franklin Township Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate actions needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services and to take any other emergency response actions deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

APPROVED AND RESOLVED this 16 day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY
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