

**BOROUGH OF CHAMBERSBURG  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
DECLARATION OF A HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR OF BOROUGH OF CHAMBERSBURG**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, United States President Donald J. Trump issued a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak, pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq.) and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5), finding and proclaiming that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2020, pursuant to Section 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7101, et seq., Governor Tom Wolf issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, proclaiming the existence of a disaster emergency across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a result of the spread of coronavirus or COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, as of today, the COVID-19 virus threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons of the Borough of Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 virus has the potential to endanger the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the Borough of Chambersburg, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the Borough of Chambersburg may be able to resolve through traditional measures; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of affected residents and the community at large in the Borough of Chambersburg.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Walter Bietsch, Mayor of the Borough of Chambersburg, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7101, et seq., do hereby proclaim the existence of a local disaster emergency in the Borough of Chambersburg ("this Proclamation"); and

**FURTHER**, I announce the following steps should be taken in response to the Health Emergency:

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1. The Borough of Chambersburg's Emergency Management Coordinator and administrative staff shall coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency
2. The Borough of Chambersburg's Administrative Staff, under the direction of Borough Manager Jeffrey Stonehill shall, as necessary, meet the current and ongoing demands of this emergency as provided for in State and Local Law
3. The Borough Manager may implement emergency assignments without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law, excepting mandatory constitutional requirements, pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, the levying of taxes, and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds
4. The Mayor herein suspends the provisions of any regulatory ordinance prescribing procedures for the conduct of the Borough of Chambersburg's business, or the orders, rules, and regulations of any Borough of Chambersburg Department, if strict compliance therewith would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency
5. The Borough of Chambersburg services and employees shall be designated as critical to health, safety, and welfare of the municipality, and this designation of emergency responders shall extend to all employees of the Borough of Chambersburg
6. The Borough of Chambersburg shall voluntarily comply with the March 13, 2020 PUC Emergency Order prohibiting utility termination during the pendency of the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency proclaimed by Governor Tom Wolf on March 6, 2020
7. For the duration of the emergency hereby declared, all persons are hereby ordered and directed to obey all lawful orders and directives of Borough of Chambersburg Police Department police officers, State police officers, and all other duly constituted peace officers, regarding routes for vehicles and pedestrian traffic
8. Citizens, businesses, establishments and other organizations are directed to comply with the orders as issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including but not limited to a temporary suspension or modification of any business or occupancy license issued by the Borough of Chambersburg; and/or liquor and retail food service permits as issued by the Chambersburg Board of Health

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9. The Chambersburg Board of Health is herein authorized to communicate and inform the citizens and businesses of the Borough of Chambersburg with practices to lessen or end this health emergency; this can extend to any area of public health activity necessary to combat this pandemic
  
10. This state of emergency hereby declared by this Proclamation shall remain in effect beginning immediately on Wednesday, March 18 and ending on midnight on Wednesday, March 30, unless extended by the Town Council of the Borough of Chambersburg pursuant to local law

**PROCLAIMED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020



**BOROUGH OF CHAMBERSBURG**

*Walter Bietsch*

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Walter Bietsch, Mayor