

## BOROUGH OF ELIZABETHTOWN

### DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, a novel coronavirus (now known as “COVID-19”) emerged in Wuhan, China, began infecting humans in December 2019, and has since spread to 89 countries, including the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) have declared COVID-19 a “Pandemic,” and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 1, 2020, the Commonwealth’s Department of Health activated its Department Operations Center at the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency’s headquarters to conduct public health and medical coordination for COVID-19 throughout the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency ordered the activation of its Commonwealth Response Coordination Center in support of the Department of Health’s Department Operations Center, to maintain situational awareness and coordinate the response to any potential COVID-19 impacts across the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“Commonwealth”) pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. §7101, et seq., proclaimed the existence of a disaster emergency throughout the Commonwealth on March 6, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 17, 2020, there are over 4,225 confirmed and/or presumed positive cases of COVID-19 in the United States, including 96 confirmed cases in the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lancaster (“County”) approved a Declaration of Disaster Emergency on March 17, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Elizabethtown (“Borough”), has been working in collaboration with Federal, State, County, and local health agencies to monitor and plan for the containment and subsequent mitigation of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, this pandemic is endangering the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the Borough of Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, and threatens to create problems potentially greater in scope than the Borough may be able to resolve on their own; and

**WHEREAS**, this threat of imminent pandemic throughout the community is of such magnitude and severity as to render essential the Borough’s coordination of emergency resources and to require the activation of all applicable municipal emergency response plans; and

**WHEREAS**, this threat of imminent pandemic has the potential to cause significant adverse impacts upon the population throughout the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this pandemic and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in the County of Lancaster;

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF ELIZABETHTOWN BOROUGH, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA** pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S., Section 7501, as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency as a result of this pandemic in the Borough of Elizabethtown; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, we direct the Elizabethtown Regional Emergency Management Agency, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this pandemic, to aid in the continuation and restoration of essential public services as necessary, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we authorize the Borough Manager to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we authorize the Borough Manager to further act as necessary to protect the health of the Borough employees by implementing measures including, but not limited to, reducing hours the Borough offices are open to the public, installing facilities so that persons may deposit payments, applications, and similar items without interacting with Borough staff, and taking similar matters; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the we authorize the Borough Police Chief to further act as necessary to protect the health of Borough Police Officers by implementing measures including, but not limited to, implementing policies limiting or suspending walk-in services.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately and continue until rescinded by the Borough Council.

BOROUGH OF ELIZABETHTOWN  
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Attest:

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Marc Hershey, President, Borough Council

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Rebecca S. Denlinger, Secretary

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