

**BOROUGH OF WAYNESBURG  
GREENE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (now known as "SARS-CoV-2" or "COVID-19") was first detected in December 2019 and has since spread throughout the United States of America, each individual state located therein and to many political subdivisions.

WHEREAS, Alex M. Azar, II, Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency on January 31, 2020 under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d).

WHEREAS, Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, by authority of the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including 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), declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020.

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("Commonwealth"), executed an emergency disaster declaration throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7101, et seq., on March 6, 2020.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Wolf order all Pennsylvania schools, Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade be closed for a period of two weeks beginning March 16, 2020.

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Greene County Commissioners, Mike Belding, Betsy McClure and Blair Zimmerman executed a Declaration of Disaster Emergency regarding the County of Greene.

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Wolf ordered all "non-life sustaining" businesses close their locations.

WHEREAS, as of March 19, 2020 there are one hundred eighty-five (185) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth according to the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the majority of the population affected by COVID-19 will experience mild symptoms. However, the disease is capable of causing more serious symptoms or death.

WHEREAS, the increased threat from COVID-19, as evidenced by the daily increase in confirmed cases within the Commonwealth, constitutes a threat of imminent disaster to the health of the citizens of the Borough of Waynesburg.

WHEREAS, it is critical that the Borough of Waynesburg, Greene County, Pennsylvania be prepared to respond to and mitigate the affects of COVIC-19 for the purpose of ensuring the safety and health of its residents.

WHEREAS, the implementation of this Declaration of Emergency is further necessary to ensure the availability of federal, state and local disaster emergency funds should they become available.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Waynesburg is vested with the authority to declare a local emergency pursuant to 35 Pa. C.S. § 7102 when, in their judgment, the threat of disaster threatens to be of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate hardship or suffering threatened thereby.

WHEREAS, the threat of imminent disaster is to a degree which requires the activation of the Waynesburg Borough Emergency Management Organization as authorized by 35 Pa. C.S. § 7501 et. seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1202 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S.A. §§101, et seq., as amended, and Subsection 7501(b) and 7102(a) of the Pennsylvania Emergency and the Pennsylvania Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7101, et seq., as amended, the Council of the Borough of Waynesburg ("Council") does hereby authorize Brian Tanner, the Borough Coordinator ("Borough Coordinator"), or his designee, to assume command and control of all Borough emergency operations and authorize and direct that all Borough departments and agencies utilize all available resources and personnel as is deemed necessary by the Borough Coordinator from time to time to cope with this emergency situation, for such length of time as may be necessary to respond to this emergency situation, in order to activate the response and recovery aspects of the Waynesburg Borough Emergency Management Organization and any and all other applicable local emergency management and emergency response plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder.

FURTHER, Council does hereby suspend all or any provisions of any Borough ordinance or resolution if strict compliance with the provisions thereof would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency. The Borough Coordinator may implement emergency assignments without regard to procedures required by other Borough ordinances or resolutions, except mandatory constitutional requirements, pertaining to performance of public work, incurring of obligations, employment of temporary workers, rental of equipment, purchase of supplies and materials, and expenditures of Borough public funds, as may be necessary to meet this emergency, all without regard to those time consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

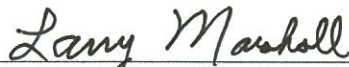
FURTHER, Council does hereby authorize the Borough Coordinator to use all available Borough resources and personnel in whatever manner the Borough Coordinator reasonably deems necessary during this emergency to assist in addressing the consequences of this emergency for such length of time as may be necessary to respond to this emergency and as authorized by this Declaration, as may be extended by Council.

FURTHER, Council hereby authorize Thomas Ankrom, the Borough Chief of Police ("Police Chief") to use all available Borough Police Department resources and personnel in whatever manner the Police Chief reasonably deems necessary during this emergency to assist the actions of the Borough Manager in addressing the consequences of this emergency for such length of time as may be necessary to respond to this emergency and as authorized by this Declaration, as may be extended by Council.

FURTHER, Council hereby directs that the Waynesburg Borough Emergency Response Plan and any and all other applicable Borough emergency management and emergency response plans be activated and that any and all actions be taken as may be necessary to implement such plans, including but not limited to implementing curfews and closing Borough-owned properties and Borough parks, all of which shall be coordinated and implemented through the Borough Coordinator.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Borough, in the Borough of Waynesburg, Greene County, Pennsylvania, this 20th day of March, 2020.

This declaration will last until April 13, 2020 pursuant to the Pennsylvania Emergency Declaration regarding the Covid Pandemic.



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Larry Marshall, President  
Waynesburg Borough



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Brian Tanner, Mayor  
Waynesburg Borough

