



The City of York Pennsylvania

The Honorable Michael R. Helfrich, Mayor

Proclamation

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the COVID-19 virus threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons of the City of York;

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

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 City of York;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Helfrich, the undersigned Mayor of the City of York, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 PaCS 7501), as amended, do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency in the City of York.

FURTHER, I direct the City of York Emergency Management Coordinator and response team to 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.

FURTHER, I authorize City Directors, in coordination with Administrative Staff, of the City of York to act, under the Mayor's or designee's direction, as necessary to meet the current and ongoing demands of this emergency, namely: City departments may implement emergency assignments without regard to procedures required by other laws, except mandatory constitutional requirements, pertaining to performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring obligations, employment of temporary workers, rental of equipment, purchase of supplies and materials, and expenditures of public funds.

FURTHER, I hereby suspend the provisions of any regulatory ordinance prescribing procedures for the conduct of City business, or the orders, rules and regulations of any City department, if strict compliance with the provisions of any ordinance, statute, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency.

FURTHER, I hereby authorize the City of York Bureau of Health to suspend or waive any provision of law or regulation which the City of York Bureau of Health is authorized by law to administer or enforce, for such length of time as may be necessary to respond to this emergency.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.

Michael R. Helfrich
Michael R. Helfrich
Mayor, City of York

3/12/2020
Date



Attest: *Dianna F. By Mitchell*

Date: 3/12/20