

## **DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on or about March 14, 2020 a (disaster) has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Allegheny Township, Westmoreland County; and

WHEREAS, the (disaster) has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the Allegheny Township, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the Allegheny Township may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of the (disaster) and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of affected residents in Allegheny Township; and

NOW THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Supervisors of Allegheny Township, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Code, (35 PA. C.S., Section 7501), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Allegheny Township; and

FURTHER, we direct Mr. Lee Schumaker the Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action 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 and

FURTHER, we authorize officials of Allegheny Township to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by 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

STILL FURTHER, we direct the following:

- A) The Community Building located at 136 Community Building Road will remain open during this event, however we are restricting walk in visits.


Building and Zoning permits will be accepted, reviewed, and issued, via email, fax, and/or U.S. Mail. Any Township questions can be addressed via phone or email.

- B) The Allegheny Township Tax office and The Municipal Authority (sewage office) located at 1001 South Leechburg Hill will also be open during this event, however we are restricting walk in visits. Tax and Sewage payments will be accepted by U.S. Mail or payments can be deposited in the mail slot located beside the entry door. A receipt can be mailed providing a self-addressed stamped envelope is provided with the payment.
- C) All Emergency Services will remain open and staffed 24/7 for all emergencies within Allegheny Township and our Mutual Aid partners
- D) Meetings of all Township Boards, including Supervisors and Municipal Authority will be limited to the Boards and those with essential business.
- E) All Township buildings and properties are not available for use by outside groups at this time.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until the Township Supervisors deem necessary.

Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

  
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(Chairman)

  
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(Vice Chairman)