

**TOWNSHIP OF ROSTRAVER
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

DECLARATION OF DISASTER 1-2020 RELATED TO COVID-19

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

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

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a “global pandemic”;

WHEREAS, the Governor of Pennsylvania has declared COVID-19 a disaster emergency throughout the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared COVID-19 a National Emergency;

WHEREAS, the spread of the virus creates a public health emergency; and threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Rostraver Township;

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Rostraver Township, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Rostraver Township may be able to resolve; 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 of Rostraver Township.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Commissioners of the Township of Rostraver, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S. Section 7501), as amended, do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency in Rostraver Township.

FURTHER, we direct the Rostraver Township 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 action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of Rostraver Township to act as necessary to meet the current demands 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., as well as safeguarding to the extent possible, the employees of the Township by limiting and controlling public access to the Township Building by mandating public contact via electronic communication, telephone and regular mail. And

STILL FURTHER, officials of Rostraver Township to act as necessary to meet the current demands of this emergency, including utilizing funds from the Township's General and Restricted Funds as properly authorized by the Board of Commissioners from time to time.

This Proclamation of Disaster shall take effect immediately.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Rostraver Township has caused this Declaration of Disaster to be executed by it duly elected Commissioners this 16th day of March, 2020.

TOWNSHIP OF ROSTRAVER
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY:


John LORENZO, President

ATTEST:


Pamela S. BEARD, Township Secretary