



RESOLUTION 2020-08

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 13, 2020, the Federal Government declared a Federal Emergency as a result of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in response to these declarations, the governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ordered statewide school closings beginning March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the governor ordered all non-life sustaining business in Pennsylvania to close; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the governor issued stay-at-home orders for seven of the commonwealth's most populous counties and on March 27, 2020, extended the stay-at-home order to include Butler County; and

WHEREAS, Section 7501(b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa.C.S. Section 7501(b)), as amended, authorizes the Board of Supervisors to declare a local emergency upon finding that an emergency has occurred or is imminent; and

WHEREAS, Section 709(a) of the Sunshine Act, 65 Pa.C.S. Section 709(a), permits the Board of Supervisors to hold an emergency meeting, without notice, for the purpose of dealing with a real or potential emergency involving a clear and present danger to life or property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes that the global pandemic endangers the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Oakland Township, threatens local businesses and government services, and will likely create problems greater in scope than the Township may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this global pandemic and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of affected residents and businesses in Oakland Township; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors has called an emergency meeting for 1:00 P.M., on April 6, 2020, for the purpose of declaring a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501(b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa.C.S. Section 7501(b)), as amended, a local emergency is hereby declared in Oakland Township.



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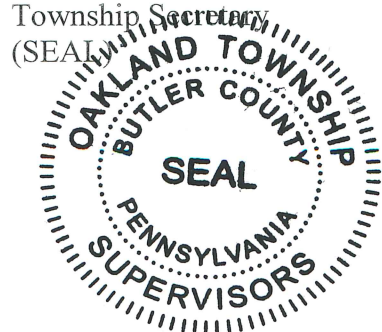
2. The Oakland Township Emergency Management Coordinator is hereby directed to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this emergency, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.
3. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to act as necessary to meet the exigencies of this emergency, namely; by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as it may be required to meet the emergency, and by incurring obligations and/or expending public funds necessary to emergency management, response, and recovery all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).
4. The Township secretary is hereby directed to advertise a brief summary of this Declaration and all subsequent Resolutions continuing, modifying, or terminating this Declaration in the Butler Eagle, each notice to be publish at least one (1) time. Additionally, the secretary shall conspicuously post a copy of this Declaration and all subsequent Resolutions continuing, modifying, or terminating this Declaration at the Township building.
5. The Board of Supervisors shall endeavor to hold a public meeting, as soon as practical under reasonably safe conditions, at which time it will ratify this Declaration.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until continued, modified, or terminated by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

RESOLVED, DECLARED, AND ENACTED this 6th day of April 2020.

ATTEST:

Diana Foehringer
Township Secretary
(SEAL)



**OAKLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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