



A RESOLUTION BY THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSBURG

RESOLUTION: 864-20

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSBURG DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE OUTBREAK

WHEREAS, there has been an outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) across the United States of America and in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, there have been multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19 across the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national State of Emergency and the Governor of the State of Ohio, has declared a State of Emergency in Ohio (Executive Order 2020-OID) which, among other restrictions, has closed all schools in the State of Ohio and limits large indoor gatherings; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeWine's Declaration follows the Center of Disease Control and Prevention "Interim Guidance," recommending that all employers consider how best to decrease the spread of COVID-19, including the review of guidance from state and local health officials; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent and immediate need to take emergency measures to maintain essential municipal operations, protect lives, homes, and property, and to ensure that basic needs of Village residents are met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSBURG, CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO:

Section 1. That the Village Council hereby declares that a State of Emergency exists in the Village of Williamsburg, and invokes and declares those portions of the Ohio Revised Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this resolution to be in full force and effect in the Village of Williamsburg for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of the Village of Williamsburg and the restoration of local government with minimal interruption.

Section 2. Any and all powers to be exercised by the Village as authorized by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5502 are permitted by passage of this Resolution and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. That the Village Council finds that as a result of the spread of COVID-19, pursuant to R.C. 735.051 a real and present emergency exists in the Village of Williamsburg affecting the public health and safety of residents necessitating the purchase and acquisition of certain items and services by the Village Administrator to maintain essential municipal operations and deal with the present emergency without the requirement for competitive bidding, advertising and the pre-authorization of Village Council.

Section 4. The Village Administrator is hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to maintain order and control in the Village of Williamsburg for the well-being, health and safety of residents.

Section 5. All public offices and employees of the Village of Williamsburg are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of

them for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives, federal, state and local.

Section 6. All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures to cooperate with public officials and emergency services personnel in executing emergency operational plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful direction of properly identified emergency services personnel.

Section 7. All operating forces and residents affected by such conditions should direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to the Village Administrator.

Section 8. In the event that the Village Administrator becomes incapacitated or absent, all aforementioned operational duties, powers and responsibilities will become reside temporarily with the Mayor until such time as the Village Administrator recovers or is actively present within the Village.

Section 9. All Administrative Hearings and Legal Proceedings are suspended for thirty days effective the date of this resolution. This includes the following:

- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Planning Commission
- Mayors Court

Section 10. All Village Council and Council Committee meetings will continue to be noticed to the public, but will occur without members of the public for thirty days effective the date of this resolution. Members of the public who want to participate in the public comment section of Village Council meetings can do so by submitting their comments in writing via email or written correspondence to the Clerk of Council. Village Council meeting will draft minutes of the proceedings available to the public within five days of a Village Council or Council Committee Meeting.

Section 11. That the Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 12. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until vacated or amended by Village Council

PASSED BY VILLAGE COUNCIL, WILLIAMSBURG, OHIO, THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

Mary Ann Lefker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Minniear, Law Director