

EXETER TOWNSHIP DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been declared by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention a “public health emergency of international concern” and a “pandemic”; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has declared a state of emergency due to the identification of COVID-19 infected citizens and directed all non-life sustaining businesses to close effective March 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Exeter Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.(the “Township”) desires to protect its visitors, residents, and employees through this Declaration of Emergency, and reduce the severity of the threat to public health to the extent possible; and

WHEREAS, measures are required to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Township’s citizens by precluding the operation or use of public facilities and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501(b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S.A. §§ 7101 et seq., and the authority granted to the Exeter Township Manager in the Second Class Township Code and the Exeter Township Code of Ordinances, I declare the existence of a public health disaster emergency in Exeter Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

FURTHER, all of the Township’s Departments may suspend such regulatory requirements deemed necessary to respond to this emergency and to conduct essential Township business.

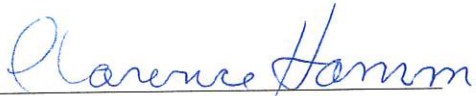
FURTHER, the Township’s facilities are closed to the public until further notice to protect the health and safety of the Township’s residents, visitors, and employees.

FURTHER, Township employees are encouraged to work remotely to the extent practicable as determined by management in light of their particular job duties and responsibilities.

FURTHER, Township employees who are unable to work remotely due to their essential job duties have been directed to take appropriate protective measures including, but not limited to, frequent hand-washing and hand-sanitizing, social distancing, staging lunch breaks, and staying home at any sign of illness.

FURTHER, the Township is unable to receive Right-to-Know Law requests in-person, by fax, or by mail. Only emailed Right-to-Know Law requests will be accepted. The Township will respond to such requests within thirty (30) days of the Township reopening for business.

FURTHER, the Township's Departments are directed to coordinate any emergency response activities, to take all appropriate action needed to mitigate the effects of this emergency, to aid in the restoration of and continuity of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary.



Clarence Hamm
Interim Township Manager

Date: 3-23-20