

DECLARATION OF CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

GREENSBORO, MARYLAND

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus disease (“COVID-19”) a “public health emergency of international concern”; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease, resulting in serious illness or death, caused by person-to-person spread of the novel coronavirus, which was not previously found in humans; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency, is a public health catastrophe, and a public safety emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 5th, 2020, the Governor of the State of Maryland declared that in an effort to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the State, that a State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency exists with the entire State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak was issued by the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the first confirmed case of COVID-19 was reported in Talbot County; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Caroline County Commissioners Declared a Local State of Emergency Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 402 of the Town of Greensboro Charter, the Council of Greensboro has the authority to protect and preserve the health of the Town and its inhabitants; to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases into the Town; to establish quarantine regulations, and to authorize the removal and confinement of persons having contagious or infection diseases; and

WHEREAS, due to the highly contagious nature of the pandemic COVID-19, the Town anticipates it is likely to see case of COVID-19 within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town anticipates that cases of COVID-19 within the community may result in serious illness or death for certain at-risk members of the community and also may have the effect of interrupting the normal daily functioning of the community; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this health emergency and to protect the health, safety and welfare of all Town staff and residents; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Town adopted an Emergency Management Plan for the Town of Greensboro government containing certain rules and regulations related to Town government operations which is necessary to mitigate the COVID-19 disease and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Town; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, PROCLAIMED, AND DECLARED, by the Council of Greensboro, pursuant to the provisions as declared by the Caroline County Department of Emergency Management, as amended, and Maryland Annotated Code, Public Safety Article § 14-111, do hereby declare the existence of a health emergency in the Town of Greensboro which is effective for a period of 30 days unless the Declaration is continued or renewed by consent of the Council of Greensboro; and


BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, we direct the Town Manager to implement appropriate procedures as identified in the Emergency Management Plan as the Continuity of Operation Plans; the Greensboro Department Heads to coordinate with the Caroline County Department of Emergency regarding any necessary activities of emergency response; to take all appropriate action needed to mitigate the effects of this health emergency; to manage resources to continue essential public service; and to take any other emergency response actions deemed necessary to respond to this emerging health emergency; and to take any action necessary to further the Coronavirus Action Plan for the Town of Greensboro.

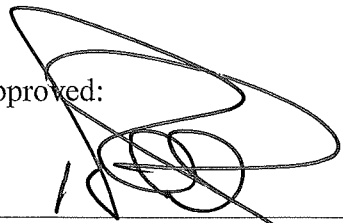
This declaration shall take effect immediately on this 19th day of March 2020.

Michael Mackey 

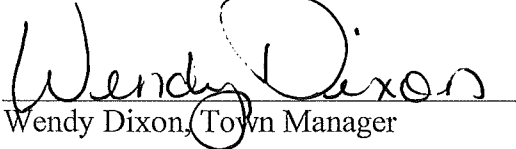
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