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DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

March 14, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the Mayor issued this Declaration of Emergency in accordance with PA Borough Code §10A06 and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. §§7101 et seq., as it pertains to the existing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus known as “COVID-19”;

and WHEREAS, the Mayor issued this Declaration of Emergency to encourage aggressive social mitigation efforts and to allow the Borough of Wilmerding to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and to promote the health and safety of Borough of Wilmerding residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor strongly recommends that Borough residents take the precautions identified in the Declaration of Emergency and implement them immediately as part of their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Tom Wolf recommended and encouraged events with more than 250 attendees to be cancelled or postponed, strongly discouraged people from going to “recreational activities” in public places like gyms, movie theaters and stores, and asked religious leaders to use their discretion to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tom Wolf issued an order closing all K-12 schools in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for at least ten (10) business days; and WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to address COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, these preventative measures are ways that all residents can play their part in preventing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, we have witnessed cities and organizations around the county cancel events and implement strong measures to lessen the potential impact of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Governor Tom Wolf’s guidance and the apparent spread of COVID-19, the Mayor is issuing this order; and

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Greg Jakub, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Borough Code of Pennsylvania and Laws of the Borough of Wilmerding, I hereby direct all of the following:

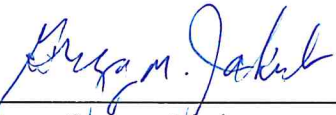
1. Effective immediately there shall be no community gatherings in excess of 75 people.
2. All code violation cases before magisterial district justices will be postponed until April 21, 2020.
3. All government meeting are postponed until April 21, 2020.
4. The Borough Offices will remain open but closed to face to face business. All business will be by phone and internet until April 21, 2020.
5. All Churches are urged to follow the CDC and ACHD guidelines to mitigate the risk of exposure.
6. All recreational activities in public places like gyms, movie theaters and stores are asked to follow the CDC and ACHD guidelines.
7. All businesses, recreation centers, schools, and private care centers (adult and childcare) are recommended to follow the CDC and ACHD guidelines.

Follow the CDC Guidelines to stop the spread of germs:

- A. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- B. Practice social distancing. (Try to keep a 6 foot distance between people and you when possible.)
- C. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue. When done dispose of in trash.
- D. If not possible sneeze or cough in your sleeve or arm.
- E. Avoid touching your nose, mouth or nose.
- F. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. (Hot or cold)

This Emergency Declaration is immediately in effect. The Mayor has the power to ratify and extend the declaration in 7-day increments.

Mr. Jakub's declaration will remain in effect until amended or rescinded.



Mayor Gregory Jakub