

BOROUGH OF CLIFTON HEIGHTS

EMERGENCY TELEPHONIC

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 19, 2020, 7:00 PM

ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING CAN CALL THE BOROUGH (610-623-1000) FOR THE CALL IN INFORMATION

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **Public Comment**
- III. **Consideration of Resolution approving and ratifying the Declaration of Disaster Emergency and its attached Continuity of Operations Plan because of the effects of the Covid- 19 Coronavirus (posted on website)**
- IV. **Other Business**
- V. **Public Comments**
- VI. **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION NO. _____
BOROUGH OF CLIFTON HEIGHTS
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the Covid-19 Coronavirus a pandemic and raised the health emergency to its highest level; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a National Emergency in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak; and,

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020 Governor Wolf issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak; and,

WHEREAS, Delaware County Council issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for Delaware County on March 7, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to approve and ratify the attached Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the Borough of Clifton Heights Because of the Covid- 19 Coronavirus and its attached Continuity of Operations Plan (2 pages) as adopted by Mayor Joseph Lombardo on March 14th, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested by 35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7501(b), the Mayor is authorized to declare emergencies because of the public health emergency created by the effects of the COVID-19 Coronavirus in the Borough ("Disaster Emergency") and on March 14, 2020 the Mayor adopted the attached Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the Borough of Clifton Heights because of the Covid- 19 Coronavirus and its attached Continuity of Operations Plan (2 pages); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to 35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7501(b), Borough Council is required to ratify the Mayor's Declaration of Disaster Emergency; and,

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Law, 8 Pa. C.S. §1001(c), allows for the participation of council members in council meetings by means of telecommunication devices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Borough of Clifton Heights Borough Council hereby ratifies the attached Declaration of Disaster Emergency and Continuity of Operations Plan and updates said plan as set forth in this resolution and delegates authority to the Mayor as needed subject to Borough Council's continuing ability to review; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Borough Council appoints the Mayor, Joseph F. Lombardo, Jr., as Emergency Management Coordinator with the power to appoint deputies as deemed necessary; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Borough of Clifton Heights Borough Council hereby ratifies and extends any and all actions taken to date by the Mayor and the Borough Manager in executing and implementing the Declaration of Disaster Emergency; and,

FURTHER, Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, Borough Manager and administration to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies as legally authorized under this Resolution and as authorized by the Governor's March 6, 2020 Proclamation, and subject to review of the Borough Manager and the Borough Council; and,

FURTHER, to the fullest extent permitted by law the Borough Council hereby suspends any provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of Borough business, or other orders, rules or regulations, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this Disaster Emergency. The Borough may, to the fullest extent permitted by law, implement emergency assignments without regard to procedures required by other laws, except mandatory constitutional requirements, pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations, employment of temporary workers, rental of equipment, purchase of supplies and materials, and expenditures of public funds; and,

FURTHER, to the fullest extent allowable by law, the Borough Council extends all deadlines and enlarges the time to act, as such deadlines or time periods are required by Pennsylvania law, for any Borough officer(s), official(s), commission(s), committee(s), and board(s), until further action is taken by the Borough Council to declare the end of such Disaster Emergency; and

FURTHER, Borough Council resolves that this Resolution shall continue until further action is taken by the Mayor and/or the Borough Council to declare the end of such Disaster Emergency; and,

FURTHER, Borough Council resolves that the public be allowed to comment prior to Borough Council's vote on this Resolution; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Clifton Heights Borough Council authorizes the appropriate Borough officials, officers, solicitor, engineer and employees to take any and all actions required to carry out the intent of this resolution to complete the actions as described above.

ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Clifton Heights, Delaware County, this ____ day of March, 2020.

Attest:

BOROUGH OF CLIFTON HEIGHTS

Secretary

BY: _____
President

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

Mayor

**BOROUGH OF CLIFTON HEIGHTS
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY FOR THE BOROUGH OF
CLIFTON HEIGHTS BECAUSE OF THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a National Emergency in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak; and,

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020 Governor Wolf signed an emergency disaster declaration in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak; and,

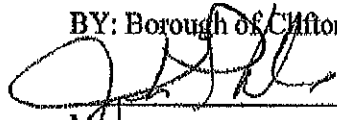
WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested by 35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7501(b), the Mayor is authorized to declare emergencies because of the public health emergency created by the effects of the COVID-19 Coronavirus in the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED, by the Mayor of the Borough of Clifton Heights, County of Delaware, Pennsylvania, that:

1. As Mayor I hereby make a Declaration of Disaster Emergency in the Borough of Clifton Heights because the effects of the COVID-19 Coronavirus in the Borough constitute a clear and present danger to human life in the Borough.
2. The Disaster Emergency declared for the Borough under 35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7501(b) by the Mayor and the resulting enabling of the provisions of 35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7501 shall continue until further action is taken by the Mayor and/or the Borough Council to declare the end of such Disaster Emergency.
3. The Borough Manager is directed to give this Declaration of Disaster Emergency prompt and general publication and to submit this Declaration (2 pgs. with attached Continuity of Operations Plan) to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.
4. The attached Continuity of Operations Plan is approved and the Borough Manager is directed to make the Continuity of Operations Plan available to the public and to submit to Borough Council for its ratification.

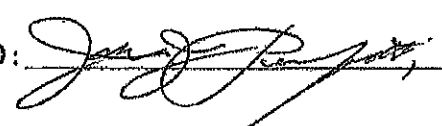
ADOPTED by the Mayor of the Borough of Clifton Heights, County of Delaware, Pennsylvania, this 14th day of March, 2020.

BY: Borough of Clifton Heights



Mayor

ATTESTED:

 Borough
Manager

POST FOR WEBSITE 3/16/2020
WILL BE UPDATED AS NEEDED

CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN

BOROUGH OFFICES TO BE CLOSED TO VISITORS UNTIL FURTHER ACTION IS TAKEN BY THE MAYOR AND/OR THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO DECLARE THE END OF THE DISASTER EMERGENCY.

BOROUGH WILL PROVIDE SERVICES AS BEST WE CAN BUT PLEASE ONLY CONTACT US IF ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED.

Residents can contact the Borough via email at info@cliftonheightspa.gov or call the Borough at 610-623-1000 and we will do our best to respond within 24 hours.

For Police/Fire/EMS Emergencies call 911.

For questions regarding the COVID-19 Coronavirus call the Pennsylvania Health Department at 1-877-PAHEALTH or 1-877-724-3258, <https://www.health.pa.gov/Pages/AlertDetails.aspx>.

PERMITS

- Current Permits received and not approved may be delayed for processing.
- No new permits will be processed during this time of Disaster Emergency.

INSPECTIONS

- Only emergency inspections will be made during the Disaster Emergency.
- Contact the Borough's Department of Code Enforcement at 610-623-3223 and leave a message or email them at info@cliftonheightspa.gov. The Department will return your call or email as promptly as possible.

SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

- Plans will not be accepted until the office re-opens.
- Current Applications will be delayed, and applicants will be notified, and extensions of time will be requested if necessary.

RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW REQUESTS

- All requests received and or made pursuant to the Right-to-Know Law will be delayed until further action is taken by the Mayor and/or the Borough Council to declare the end of the Disaster Emergency.

BOROUGH COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS/TAX DISCOUNT PERIOD

- Borough Council's Committee & Regular Meeting on March 17, 2020 is cancelled. Please contact the Borough's website for future dates and times <https://www.cliftonheightsboro.com/>
- The Borough Council, Tax Collector and Mayor have extended the 2% discount period from March 31 until April 30.

PARKS/PLAYGROUNDS/FACILITIES USE

- Borough Offices will be closed to the public until further action is taken by the Mayor and/or the Borough Council to declare the end of the Disaster Emergency.
- Borough Parks and Playgrounds will be closed until further notice because of the Governor's request for social distancing and self-isolation.


MAYOR

March 14, 2020
DATE