

Borough of Stroudsburg



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PRESS RELEASE-BOROUGH OF STROUDSBURG RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

On Tuesday evening, March 17, 2020, the Stroudsburg Borough Council issued a Declaration of a Disaster Emergency in response to the escalating COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic and the accompanying public health concerns. This action follows the emergency declarations put forth by both the Federal and State governments respectively.

By issuing a Declaration of Disaster Emergency, the Borough of Stroudsburg can better meet the demanding needs of the COVID-19 outbreak. This permits the Borough of Stroudsburg to employ temporary workers, rent equipment, purchase supplies and materials, or enter into contracts and agreements for the performance of public works as may be required to fulfill emergency needs. These actions can all be completed without the need for the time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law.

The Stroudsburg Borough Emergency Management Coordinator, Mehmet Barzev, will coordinate the activities of the Borough's emergency response, take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in maintaining essential public services and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary.

In addition to the Declaration of Disaster Emergency, the Stroudsburg Borough Council has determined the following:

- As of 8:30 A.M. on March 18, 2020, the municipal building is closed to walk-in traffic. This measure is intended to protect members of the public and municipal employees from community spread of COVID-19. All departments will be staffed during the normal work week, Monday to Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Employee needs are being evaluated on an ongoing basis.
- All non-emergency meetings and non-time-sensitive meetings of the Borough will be postponed until further notice. This includes the Shade Tree Commission, the Pension Board, Sewer Committee, Redevelopment Committee, I-80 Expansion Task Force, Codes

Committee, Media/Public Relations Committee, Recycling Committee, Personnel Committee, Finance Committee, Safety Committee.

- All public parks in the Borough of Stroudsburg are closed until further notice.
- The bi-weekly collection of recyclables by the Twin Boroughs Recycling Department will continue; however, the Recycling Yard at 427 Lincoln Avenue in East Stroudsburg will be closed until further notice.
- Emergency funds shall be expended for the purchase of Level C Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for all Borough personnel and first responders.

The Borough of Stroudsburg is taking proactive measures to ensure the safety and well-being of residents while continuing to provide critical services. The Stroudsburg Borough Council will be evaluating these measures regularly throughout the ongoing COVID-19 response.

For any further questions or concerns, the public is encouraged to visit the Borough's website www.stroudsburgboro.com or by call the Stroudsburg Borough Municipal Building (570) 421-5444.

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