

# Borough of Stroudsburg



## **A PROCLAMATION BY THE STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY IN STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNTY OF MONROE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

WHEREAS, Title 35 Pa.C.S.. §§ 7501-7504 (General Provisions – Emergency Management Services) provides for the general authority of political subdivisions to establish a local emergency management organization and to provide for emergency management, response and recovery within territorial limits of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Stroudsburg (Borough Council) in the County of Monroe, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopted the Stroudsburg Borough Emergency Operation Plan on February 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council appointed Mr. Mehmet Barzev as the Emergency Management Coordinator of the Borough of Stroudsburg on October 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, declared a Disaster Emergency in Pennsylvania on March 13, 2020 due to threats to public health caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and implemented numerous statewide COVID-19 mitigation efforts emphasizing the need for every Pennsylvanian to take actions that may contribute to stopping the COVID-19 spread and flattening the viral pandemic surge or “curve”; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interest of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public, and hereby declares that:

1. Borough Council under the authority of §7501 (b) of Title 35 Pa.C.S. HEALTH AND SAFETY, Part V EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES declares a Local Disaster Emergency in the Borough of Stroudsburg, effective immediately for the period March 17, 2020 through December 15, 2020 at 11:59 P.M. or until the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania lifts all emergency orders pertaining to the Covid-19 pandemic; nothing herein shall preclude the Borough Council from extending, modifying or terminating the order by further action at an open meeting if necessary.

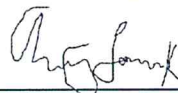
2. Stroudsburg Borough Council hereby adopts the “Coronavirus (COVID-19) Split Shift/Work Hours Policy”, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the “Coronavirus (COVID-19) Sick Leave Policy”, attached hereto as Exhibit B, which will be implemented during the Local Disaster Emergency period March 17, 2020 through December 15 , 2020 at 11:59 P.M. or until the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania lifts all emergency orders pertaining to the Covid-19 pandemic; nothing herein shall preclude the Borough Council from extending, modifying or terminating the order by further action at an open meeting if necessary.

3. Borough Council is hereby authorized to exercise the powers vested under Title 35 Pa.C.S.A. §§ 7501 (a) through (e) including, without limitation the power to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to disaster emergency management, response and recovery; ...as well as the powers vested under this section in the light of the exigencies of the emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements) pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, the levying of taxes and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

DECLARED AND ADOPTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Borough of Stroudsburg this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2020.

**DocuSigned by:**



Anthony J. Frank, Council President

ATTEST:



Brian D. Ace, Jr., Borough Manager

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