

CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION # 9002

DATE 3-17-20

TITLE

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR THE CITY OF
WILLIAMSPORT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Williamsport is approving the Declaration of Disaster for the City of Williamsport that was read into the record at a special meeting held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 because of the Coronavirus epidemic.

BE IT HERE RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Williamsport hereby approves the Declaration of Disaster for the City of Williamsport.

Approved

Jamie M. Frank
City Clerk

Randall Olsen
President



DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

FOR THE CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

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WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (now known as COVID-19) emerged in Wuhan, China in December 2019, and has begun infecting citizens in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health organization (WHO) has declared COVID-19 a public health and pandemic emergency and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governors Office of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on March 6, 2020 due to COVID-19 under the authority of 35 Pa.C.S. 7101, *et seq.* that authorized the suspension of certain procedures and formalities prescribed by law and urged municipalities to “act as necessary to meet the current exigencies;” and

WHEREAS, this event has potential to endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the City of Williamsport and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the City of Williamsport may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in the City of Williamsport;

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Williamsport, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 PA C.S.A.), as amended do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in the City of Williamsport due to COVID-19;

FURTHER, the city directs our Emergency Management Coordinator and team to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to work with county and state authorities, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public service, and to take any other emergency response actions deemed necessary to respond to this disaster emergency.



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FURTHER, the city authorizes officials of the City of Williamsport to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This declaration shall take effect immediately.

Authorized this 16th day of March, 2020

WILLIAMSPORT

CITY OF

Derek Slaughter
Mayor

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