



TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE
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PROCLAMATION

TO ALL RESIDENTS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers vested by Emergency Management Act: Chapter 9 of Appendix A of the Revised Statutes, App. A: 9-1 thru A: 9-63. specifically App. A 9-40.4 and New Jersey O.E.M. Directives: Directive 61. Dated November 19, 1986; and other laws as they apply,

**A Public Health Emergency
Is declared to exist within the
TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY.**

WHEREAS, Coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is responsible for the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak, which was first identified in Wuhan, the People's Republic of China in December 2019 and quickly spread to the Hubei Province and multiple other countries; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of the COVID-19 illness include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, which may appear in as few as two or as long as 14 days after exposure, and can spread from person to person via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern," which means "an extraordinary event which is determined to constitute a public health risk to other States through the international spread of disease and to potentially require a coordinated international response," and thereafter raised its global risk assessment of COVID-19 from "high" to "very high"; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 9, 2020, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), there were more than 114,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide, with over 4,000 of those cases having resulted in death; and

WHEREAS, as of March 9, 2020, there were more than 500 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, with 22 of those cases having resulted in death; and

WHEREAS, as of March 9, 2020, there were 11 presumed positive cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey, with 24 additional “Persons Under Investigation” spread across the counties of Bergen, Camden, Cumberland, Essex, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Passaic, Union, and Sussex; and

WHEREAS, as of March 9, 2020, there were 142 positive cases of COVID-19 in the State of New York and seven presumptive positive cases in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and WHEREAS, the CDC expects that additional cases of COVID-19 will be identified in the coming days, including more cases in the United States, and that person-to-person spread is likely to continue to occur; and

WHEREAS, if COVID-19 spreads in New Jersey at a rate comparable to the rate of spread in other affected areas, it will greatly strain the resources and capabilities of county and municipal governments, including public health agencies, that provide essential services for containing and mitigating the spread of contagious diseases, such as COVID-19, and the situation may become too large in scope to be handled in its entirety by the normal county and municipal operating services in some parts of this State, and this situation may spread to other parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 may make it difficult or impossible for citizens to obtain consumer goods and other necessities of life due to supply chain disruption and price increases, as well as hamper the delivery of essential services such as police, fire, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 may disrupt the timely delivery of Township contracted goods or services, the immediate delivery and fulfillment of which is necessary for the life, safety, or health of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange has been working with the CDC, our local health department, and healthcare facilities to monitor, plan for and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the Township; and

WHEREAS, through Executive Order No. 102, the State created the Coronavirus Task Force, chaired by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health (“DOH”), in order to coordinate the State’s efforts to appropriately prepare for and respond to the public health hazard posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases within the Township, to implement appropriate measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare in the event of an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care or hospitalization; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange also acts as an employer with hundreds of employees, and the spread of COVID-19 requires preparedness for staffing shortages and flexibility in work rules to ensure that its employees can fully comply with all medically appropriate measures while also ensuring the continuous delivery of State services performed by municipal departments; and

WHEREAS, the continuous delivery of services at the municipal level performed by those

employees is also essential; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 within New Jersey constitutes an imminent public health hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of West Orange; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to take action against this public health hazard to protect and maintain the health, safety, and welfare of West Orange residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, this declaration is promulgated by reason of the conditions which currently exist in the TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, which may affect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE should then be declared in a **State of Emergency** and further that certain measures must be taken to ensure that the authorities maintain order and provide for the protection of all persons and property of residents or visitors affected by the conditions, and

WHEREAS, all areas within the TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE are declared within the area of **State of Emergency**, and

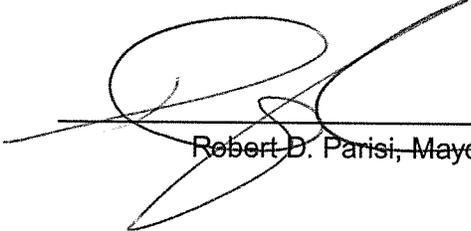
WHEREAS, these restrictions are imposed in order to maintain the safety and well being of all citizens,

THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE with the aforesaid laws, it is promulgated and declared that the following regulations shall be in addition to all other laws of the STATE OF NEW JERSEY and the TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, The **West Orange Emergency Management Master Plan** will be used to conduct coordinated emergency operations for any incident which develops as a result of this **Local State of Emergency**.

- I. The West Orange Emergency Management Operations Center will be open during normal business hours to conduct non-emergency business related to the Local State of Emergency. The phone number is (973) 325-4175.
- II. For emergencies which require action or consultation by or with the West Orange Emergency Management Coordinator, call the Municipal Emergency Communications Center at (973) 325-4000. The duty OEM Coordinator will be contacted immediately.
- III. All resources of the municipal government of the TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE shall be used whenever and wherever necessary to provide for the health and safety of our citizens. This will include additional staffing and materials as needed and under the direction of the Directors of the departments of our municipal government.



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