

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-02
STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR
THE TOWN OF HURLOCK FOR COVID-19

WHEREAS, the disease known as COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic;

WHEREAS, a Declaration of State of Emergency and Existence of a Catastrophic Health Emergency was declared by Governor Lawrence Hogan, Jr. of the State of Maryland on March 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak was issued by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, the County Council of Dorchester County issued an Emergency and Executive Order COVID-19 Public Health Emergency on March 16, 2020;

WHEREAS, as the COVID-19 outbreak and public safety emergency continues, it threatens the lives, health and property in the Town of Hurlock;

WHEREAS, Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Annotated Code authorizes the principal executive officer of a political subdivision to declare a local state of emergency to activate the response and recovery aspects of any applicable local state of emergency plan and authorizes the provision of aid and assistance under the applicable plans;

WHEREAS, Section 404(a) of the Charter for the Town of Hurlock authorizes the Mayor to declare for the Town of Hurlock when a formal emergency begins and ends;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Hurlock previously issued Executive Order 2020-1 to declare a State of Emergency for the Town of Hurlock for COVID-19 on March 27, 2020 (“Executive Order 2020-01”)

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Hurlock wishes to institute additional emergency measures.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL HENRY, Mayor of the Town of Hurlock, pursuant to my authority under the Charter of the Town of Hurlock, Maryland, and Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, do hereby issue this

Adoption of Additional Emergency Measures Related to the Previous State of Emergency Declaration for the Town of Hurlock for COVID-19 (together with Executive Order 2020-1 shall be collectively referred to as “Emergency Declaration”) and order the following, which shall remain in effect during the duration of this Emergency Declaration unless otherwise specifically stated:

- (1) **Procurement** – The Town’s usual procurement policies shall be suspended except for the purchase of only those items deemed necessary for the day to day operations and/or for the purchase of goods and/or services deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
- (2) **Closure of Public Buildings** - All Town buildings will be closed to the public. The Town will continue to be operational but some services may be reduced.
- (3) **Public Assembly** - All prior issued permits/requests for use of Town buildings and/or areas that will or would have taken place during the duration of this Emergency Declaration are hereby rescinded and any applicable deposits will be returned.
- (4) **Extension of Permits** - All licenses or permits issued by the Town that will or would have expired during the term of this Emergency Declaration shall be extended until 30 days past the expiration of this Emergency Declaration.
- (5) **Mayor and Council Meetings** - All Mayor and Council shall be closed physically to the public. The Mayor, Councilmembers, Town Manager, Town Attorney and/or Department Heads may attend such meetings by phone and/or teleconferencing. Live streaming will be made available to the public in the usual course through townhalltreams.com in compliance with the Open Meetings Act
- (6) **Late Fees, Fines, Interest and Penalties** – The Town will not assess any late fees, fines, interest or penalties on any payment or payments owed to the Town until 30 days after the expiration of this Emergency Declaration.
- (7) **Further Amendments** – This Emergency Declaration may be revised or amended from time to time as needed in the discretion of the Mayor.

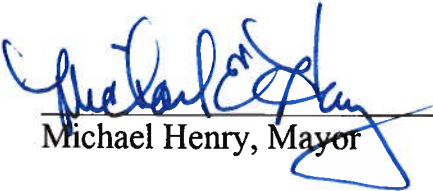
This Order is issued on this 8th day of April, 2020

ADOPTED/EFFECTIVE: April 8th, 2020.

ATTEST:



John Avery, Town Manager



Michael Henry, Mayor