

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, a novel coronavirus known as ‘COVID-19’ has been declared a “public health emergency of international concern” by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, has declared a National Emergency under the Stafford Act; and

**WHEREAS**, through a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, the Pennsylvania Department of Health declared COVID-19 a public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Cambria County Commissioners have declared a state of emergency in Cambria County;

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has the potential to place Southmont Borough in a significant public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 has the potential to endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Southmont Borough and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Southmont Borough may be able to resolve; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of such disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents and businesses in Southmont Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the issuance of this declaration will assist Southmont Borough to act as necessary to conduct business and meet the current exigencies of this emergency without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Borough of Southmont, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Southmont Borough and the following is directed:

1. That the Southmont Borough Emergency Management Coordinator: (a) take action to manage the activities of the emergency response; (b) take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster; (c) to aid in the restoration of essential public services; and (d) take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.
2. That the officials of Southmont Borough act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.
3. This Declaration shall remain in effect until such time that the Governor of Pennsylvania lifts the state of emergency or that this Council deems the emergency over, whichever occurs later. Council specifically consents to this Declaration remaining in place beyond the initial seven (7) day time-period provided for in §7501(b) of the Emergency Management Services Code because Council recognizes that the circumstances that caused this Declaration will remain in place beyond the seven (7) days.

4. This Declaration shall take effective immediately.

DECLARED THIS 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:


  
Secretary


SOUTHMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL

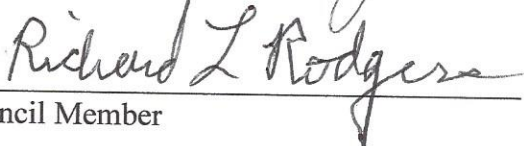
  
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