

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-03**

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY  
DUE TO COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 Coronavirus has spread to the County of Delaware, Pennsylvania and is declared a global pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has made a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the entirety of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood, Delaware County, Pennsylvania find that a disaster emergency does and has existed in the Borough of Norwood due to the actual threat of the COVID-19 Coronavirus to the health, safety and welfare of Norwood residents;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020 by the Council of the Borough of Norwood, and approved by the Mayor, that:

1. Pursuant to the general authority vested in the Borough of Norwood by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Code, 35 P.S. §7501(b), a local disaster emergency is hereby declared. The response and recovery aspects of all Norwood emergency management plans are hereby activated and the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder is hereby authorized.
2. The proper officers, agents and personnel of the Borough of Norwood are hereby authorized to carry out all authority, powers and duties provided by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Code, any other applicable Pennsylvania law and, such decrees or proclamations as may be made by the Governor of Pennsylvania and the Mayor of the Borough of Norwood.
3. Because of the directives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania prohibiting the gathering of groups of individuals, the Council hereby authorizes, and the Mayor hereby approves pursuant to the authority granted in the Pennsylvania Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S.A. §10A06(b), that any meeting conducted by the Borough Council or other Borough board or commission during the disaster emergency may be conducted by electronic participation by Council, board or commission members and,

that provisions shall be made, to the best extent possible and in conformity with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law, for the public, including electronic attendance and participation.

4. That the period for the discount rate for the payment of Borough real estate taxes is hereby extended for a period of an additional thirty (30) days and, may be additionally extended if necessary by order of the President of Council, in consultation with the Tax Collector.
5. That the President of Council and Borough Manager are hereby authorized:
  - a. To exercise routine, ministerial and/or administrative powers on behalf of the Council in such situations where the Council cannot meet or would be impractical to do so;
  - b. To make such purchases or hire such personnel as authorized by the Pennsylvania Emergency Services Code during disaster declarations, and take such other actions by the governing body as may be authorized by any law, ordinance or decree during such disaster emergency.
6. That, because the length of the disaster emergency is indeterminate at this time, this Declaration shall remain in effect until such time as terminated by the future action of the Norwood Borough Council.

**HEREBY RESOLVED AND APPROVED:**



William Gavin  
Borough Council President

**SEAL**

**ATTEST:**



John Ryan  
Borough Secretary



James Costello  
Mayor