

VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO

RESOLUTION 2020-15

DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of Coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person. The virus is spread between individuals who are in close contact with each other (within about six feet) through respiratory droplets. It may be possible that individuals can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a statewide Health Alert Network to provide local health departments with updated guidance for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine signed an Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency for the entire State of Ohio in relation to COVID-19 pursuant to the Governor's authority vested in him by the Constitution, the laws of the State of Ohio and in accordance with Revised Code section 5502.22; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency for the entire State of Ohio urged all citizens to heed to the advice of the Department of Health and other emergency officials regarding COVID-19 in order to protect their health and safety; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor DeWine announced the closing of all kindergarten through 12th grade schools through April 3, 2020 that has now been extended to the close of the 2020 school year, and the Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton signed an order prohibiting mass gatherings in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued an amended Director's Order to Limit Access to Ohio Nursing Homes and Similar Facilities; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the Greene County Board of Health declared a Public Health Emergency due to this imminent threat of an acutely hazardous disease, posing a high probability of widespread exposure to an infectious agent that poses a significant risk of substantial harm to a large number of people, a large number of serious or long-term disabilities, or a large number of deaths; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Order closing all polling locations on March 17, 2020 in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has advised those that have possible or confirmed COVID-19 to stay home from work, school, and away from other public places; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, under direction of Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D. issued an order requiring all Ohioans to stay in their homes to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 until April 6, 2020, and the order has now been extended until May 1, 2020 and may be extended past that date; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above described emergency, there is a continuing and urgent need to protect all citizens of Yellow Springs and to assure the safety of first responders and all other “front-line” workers.

NOW, THEREFORE be it **RESOLVED** by Council for the Village of Yellow Springs, Greene County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Council for the Village of Yellow Springs does hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the Village of Yellow Springs.

Section 2. The Emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall include the area within the municipal corporation boundaries of the Village and all Village-owned and Village annexed property outside the municipal corporation, including the Glen Helen Nature Preserve.

Section 3. All law enforcement officers, employees, and all other Emergency management personnel subject to Village oversight are hereby requested to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Village Emergency Operations Plan now in existence and as the Plan may evolve.

Section 4. All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures and to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers. Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances, resolutions, and particularly to Section 5502 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. Council does hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Ohio Revised Code that are applicable to these conditions and have caused the issuance of this resolution to be in full force and effect in the Village for purpose of the exercise of all necessary Emergency Authority for the protection of lives and property of the residents of Yellow Springs, Ohio and the continuation of the local government with a minimum of interruption.

Section 6. The Village Manager and Finance Director shall maintain records of revenue losses and additional expenses and costs relating to directly and indirectly to the COVID-19 State of Emergency for the purpose of having financial impact information available to seek and obtain disaster relief funds from any available sources including but not limited to county, state and federal sources

