

CITY OF NEW KENSINGTON

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: As of 12:15 p.m. Sunday, March 15, 2020 the Pennsylvania Department of Health reported that there are 63 cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the State of Pennsylvania and;

WHEREAS: The advancing Coronavirus pandemic threatens the health, safety and general welfare of the Citizens residing in the City of New Kensington; and may advance to an outbreak greater in scope than the City of New Kensington may be able to contain and control and;

WHEREAS: Specific measures are required by the City to aid in the advanced fight against the spread of COVID-19 outbreak to protect the citizens of the City of New Kensington specifically as well as those of neighboring communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas D. Guzzo, Mayor as well as the City Council of the City of New Kensington pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. CS Section 7501) as amended and the provisions of the Third Class City Code Title 11 Section 11203(d), as amended, do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster Emergency in the City of New Kensington. Further we direct the following:

1. The City of New Kensington, Mayor and Council shall remain available to act as a board of health to pass any and all legislation and adopt all necessary resolutions to aid in the fight against the COVID-19 virus.
2. Alert the City's Emergency Management Coordinator to notify the County and all necessary agencies that we will participate in and apply all directives to aid in the fight of this outbreak.
3. The City will take all necessary steps to meet the demands of the emergency by making arrangements to protect City personnel by purchasing or renting equipment materials and supplies and by entering into any contracts or agreements for the performance of City work as may be required to meet the emergency, without complying with procedures required by law.
4. The Officials of the City of New Kensington shall make themselves available to work and partner with all outside agencies, non profits, as well as the School District to provide options to its residents.
5. Further, the City hereby takes the following steps to restrict the proliferation of the Coronavirus on the public.
 1. Restrict events requiring City permits.
 2. Discourage all gatherings of 50 or more people within the City of New Kensington per Center for Disease Control (CDC) requirements.

3. Encourage City residents to adhere to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) preventive measures specifically socially distancing themselves to limit the exposure by staying at home.

4. The City required that all tax payments be mailed or placed in the drop box outside the tax office. A self addressed stamped envelope will ensure a receipt will be provided to you. For all our protection the Tax Office will be closed. Please note that all due dates for the taxes will remain in effect.

5. The Police Department will remain open. For all emergencies please dial 911.

6. Although City Offices will remain open, we ask that walk in visits be curtailed. City employees will remain available to assist via phone or email. Please call 724-337-4523 or email cityclerk@newkensingtons.org.

7. Mayor and Council request that meetings of Boards and Commissions be limited to essential business only.

8. City Hall and City owned properties shall be closed to the public until further notice.

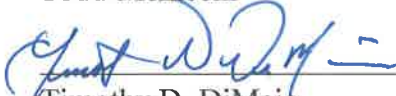
9. This Emergency Disaster Plan shall be effective beginning at 8:30 am on March 16, 2020 and remain in effect for five days unless extended by Council.



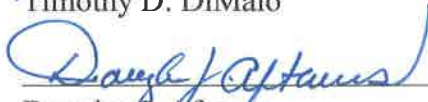
Thomas D. Guzzo, Mayor



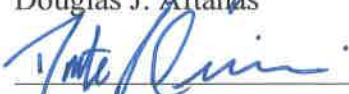
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