



Declaration of Civil Emergency Update #3 - March 20, 2020

TOWN OF PERRYVILLE RESPONSE TO COVID – 19 (CORONAVIRUS)

Statement of Facts

1. On Wednesday, March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Coronavirus a Pandemic.
2. Under March 18, 2020 direction of the Governor of the State of Maryland, Lawrence Hogan, the following new orders are being implemented (in addition to prior orders still being in effect):
 - Prohibited mass gatherings of more than 10 people
 - Access to BWI Marshall Airport is limited to ticketed passengers and employees only
 - A hospital surge plan has been put into place
 - Use of transit is limited to essential and emergency personnel use only
 - All shopping malls and entertainment venues are closed
 - Confirmed that Maryland is still operating under a State of Emergency

Read the full press release here: <https://governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus/>

3. As of the signing of this Declaration of Civil Emergency there has been 1 death and 150 confirmed cases of COVID 19 in different counties in Maryland. This is 113 more cases than the last Declaration of Civil Emergency on March 16. COVID 19 appears to be a fast spreading virus without regard to geographical boundaries.

Best Interest of Public Safety

Mayor Robert R. Ashby, Jr. believes it is in the best interest of public health, safety and welfare that certain rights be temporarily limited and Town activities be cancelled or modified.

1. **Prior orders that remain unchanged from the 03/13 & 03/16 Declarations include the following:**
 - a. Town Hall Remains Closed to the Public.
 - b. The PPD Outreach remains closed to members.
 - c. The Public Works Department will continue to operate on a modified response basis to limit employee contact with the public.
 - d. Other Essential Personnel will continue to work as planned.
2. **New orders with this Declaration of Civil Emergency Update #3:**
 - a. **Meetings will resume on a modified format as follows:**
 - i. **Perryville is implementing a webinar format for meetings to allow public to view and participate in meetings to the greatest extent possible. Specific access codes and a revised meeting calendar will follow.**

- ii. Specific to the Work Session & Special Meeting that was scheduled for March 17th, it will now be held on March 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Town staff held an internal demo for the webinar style meeting, however, since this meeting is the first trial run for a webinar meeting with public access, the number of Board Members and staff in the meeting room will be reduced to allow the greatest number of public to attend the meeting in-person if they so choose to. The meeting will be limited to 10 people in total. As stated above, access codes will follow as soon as they are available.
- iii. Town purchases are limited to essential purchases only. Prior approved conferences are to be cancelled.
- iv. A combination of furloughs and layoffs will be instituted for Town Personnel to cover budgetary shortfalls from lost revenue due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The individual staff have been notified how this furlough / layoff affects them directly.
- v. Town Hall hours will be changed to Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Town Hall will be closed on Friday.

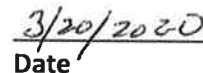
Least Necessary Restrictions on Rights

This Order is designed to provide the least necessary restriction on civil rights, while protecting the health, safety and welfare of residents, staff and others that have business with the Town of Perryville yet continuing to provide necessary public services.

This Order has been issued in compliance with Chapter 3 of the Code of the Town of Perryville entitled "Civil Emergencies".

Issued this 20th day of March, 2020 by Order of Robert R. Ashby, Jr., Mayor of the Town of Perryville.


Signature


Date