

Proclamation by the Mayor

Amending Proclamation 20-01 and Issuing Orders

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, I issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency for the City of Whitehall, Ohio as a result of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States, State of Ohio, Franklin County, and Surrounding Areas; and

WHEREAS, there is an increased risk of rapid spread of COVID-19 among persons who are living in the City of Whitehall, its congregant settings, including its long-term facilities, and the evidence reveals that most residents of long-term facilities are at increased risks for severe COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, infected visitors, facility staff and others can introduce the virus into the population of long-term facilities thereby starting an outbreak; and

WHEREAS, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State of Ohio Department of Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to reduce community spread and contain the virus, including; but not limited to the cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the rapid and mass implementation of limitations on large gatherings, use of social distancing, and restrictions on crowds of no more than fifty (50) people will mitigate the risks of exposure and secondary transmission to our most vulnerable populations, as well as persons with chronic health conditions due to higher risks which are known to cause severe illness and death from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide and local outbreak of COVID-19 and the resulting pandemic in the State of Ohio continue to threaten the life and health of our people, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property and the public peace; and

WHEREAS, all state and federal relating to the containment of COVID-19 contagion shall be enforceable via Whitehall City Code Section 509; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Maggard, Mayor of the City of Whitehall, as a result of the above-noted conditions, and pursuant to Whitehall City Code Section 509, do hereby Proclaim and ORDER the following restrictions within the City of Whitehall;

- (a) A Prohibition of no more than ten (10) persons who may gather or congregate upon the public highways or public sidewalk or any outdoor place, or in any theater, restaurant, place of public assembly or commercial establishment to which the public has access;
- (b) A restriction of persons entering into long-term facilities within the City of Whitehall which in my judgment imperil the residents and public to danger and emergency;

- (c) All state and federal order relating to the containment of COVID-19 contagion shall be enforceable per Whitehall City Code Section 509;
- (d) This proclamation shall be in full force and effect until April 6, 2020 and may be modified or extended at any time if public health conditions warrant;

As a result of the foregoing ORDERS I call upon regular and auxiliary law enforcement agencies and organizations within or without the City of Whitehall to assist in preserving and keeping the peace within the City. These ORDERS are in conjunction to and supplement therewith to the Orders issued by Governor Mike Dewine, and shall not be construed to modify or limit such authority, powers, duties and responsibilities of any officer or public official as may be provided by law. Whoever violates any prohibition contained in these ORDERS, or knowingly fails to perform any duty required by this Proclamation Order and in effect pursuant to the laws and ordinances of the City of Whitehall, shall be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to Whitehall City Ordinance 509.99.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the City of Whitehall this 17 day of March, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Whitehall, Ohio.

By:



Kim Maggard, Mayor

