



Town of Easton

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ROBERT C. WILLEY
MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-02 ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY MEASURES RELATED TO PREVIOUS STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON FOR COVID-19

WHEREAS, the disease known as COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease, that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic;

WHEREAS, a Declaration of State of Emergency and Existence of a Catastrophic Health Emergency was declared by Governor Hogan of the State of Maryland on March 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak was issued by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Talbot County was reported on March 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Talbot County Council issued an Emergency Declaration COVID-19 on March 16, 2020;

WHEREAS, as the COVID-19 outbreak and public safety emergency continues, it threatens the lives, health and property in the Town of Easton;

WHEREAS, Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Annotated Code authorizes the chief executive officer of a political subdivision to

declare a local state of emergency to activate the response and recovery aspects of any applicable local state of emergency plan and authorize the provision of aid and assistance under such plans;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Easton previously issued Executive Order 2020-01 to declare a State of Emergency for the Town of Easton for COVID-19 on March 19, 2020 (“Executive Order 2020-02”);

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Easton wishes to institute additional emergency measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT C. WILLEY, Mayor of the Town of Easton, pursuant to my authority under the Charter of the Town of Easton, Maryland and Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Annotated Code do hereby issue this Adoption of Additional Emergency Measures Related to Previous State of Emergency Declaration for the Town of Easton for COVID-19 (together with Executive Order 2020-01 shall be collectively referred to as “Emergency Declaration”) and order the following:

- (1) **Late Fees, Interest and Penalties:** In keeping with the precedent set by the Governor and in recognition that the situation is creating a financial hardship for many Town residents, vendors, and small businesses, the Town will not assess any late fees, interest, or penalties on any payment owed to the Town until 30 days after the statewide declaration of emergency is lifted by the Governor of Maryland.
- (2) **Continuity of Operations Plan:** The Covid-19 Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted and implemented for the Town of Easton.
- (3) **Publication:** This Emergency Declaration shall be promptly publicized.
- (4) **Effective Date:** This Emergency Declaration shall be effective for a period of thirty (30) days unless extended by legislative action of the Easton Town Council.
- (5) **Supersedes Inconsistent Local Law:** This Emergency Declaration and the orders herein shall supersede any inconsistent or conflicting local law, rule, or regulation.

- (6) **Further Amendments:** This Emergency Declaration may be revised or amended from time to time as needed in the discretion of the Mayor.

This order is issued on this twenty-third day of March, 2020, and I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Easton, Maryland to be affixed.

ATTEST:


Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk


Robert C. Willey, Mayor