

**CITY OF COATESVILLE  
COUNTY OF CHESTER**

**AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE DECLARATION OF  
STATE OF EMERGENCY ISSUED ON MARCH 16, 2020.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coatesville (“City”) is a Third Class City operating by means of a home rule charter and the Third Class City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 16, 2020, there were positive cases of Coronavirus COVID-19 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and at least four (4) presumptive positive cases in Chester County, which has caused or threatens to cause illness, injury, and damage to the persons and property of residents of the City of Coatesville; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus COVID-19 presents the possibility of spreading both nationwide and within the City of Coatesville and may, therefore, endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing within the City and likewise threatens to create substantial public health, medical, and emergency response activities within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, immediate, proactive emergency management measures are required to mitigate the severity of this public health emergency for purposes of protecting the health, safety and welfare of residents in the City of Coatesville; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager had requested that a Declaration of State of Emergency be issued in accordance with Section 19-1 of the City Code to authorize him to exercise the powers set forth in Section 19-2 of the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of City Council issued a Declaration of State of Emergency pursuant to Section 19-1 on March 16, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 19-1 of the City Code requires the City Council to ratify the March 16, 2020, Declaration of State of Emergency pursuant to Section 2-309, Emergency Ordinances, of the City Charter to permit the declaration to continue for a period of thirty (30) days unless sooner repealed; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is further authorized to declare the existence of a local disaster emergency in the City of Coatesville pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa C.S. §7101 *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, as of on or about March 19, 2020, there were additional positive cases of Coronavirus COVID-19 and at least one death from COVID-19 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and at least nine (9) presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in Chester County, which has caused or threatens to cause illness, injury, and damage to the persons and property of residents of the City of Coatesville; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Coatesville has determined that it should ratify the March 16, 2020, Declaration of State of Emergency issued pursuant to Section 19-1 of the City Code to extend the Declaration of State of Emergency for thirty (30) days from the date of adoption:

**NOWHEREFORE**, in accordance with the foregoing authority, which incorporates all rights and powers granted to the City of Coatesville under the Third Class City Code, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, and those powers set forth under the City Charter, the City hereby enacts and ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The March 16, 2020, Declaration of State of Emergency, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof, and all the terms and conditions set forth therein are hereby adopted and ratified by the City Council.

**SECTION 2.** Upon adoption of this Ordinance, the City Manager shall email a true and correct copy thereof to Chester County Office of Emergency Management and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

**SECTION 3.** The effect of this Ordinance ratifying the Declaration of State of Emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all state, county and local emergency management plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder.

**SECTION 4.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby temporarily suspended insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts hereof.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption in accordance with Section 2-309 of the City Charter.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 23 day of March, 2020.

  
Linda Lavender-Norris, President City Council

ATTEST:



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Michael T. Trio, City Manager

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced on the 23 day of March, 2020, was duly enacted by the Council of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, on the 23 day of March, 2020, and that the vote upon the said Ordinance has been recorded in the Minutes of the City Council and that the Ordinance has been fully recorded.