IN THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW CONCORD, OHIO

RESOLUTION 2020 – 4 - 9

A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF NEW CONCORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and can be easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) so far has reported increasing numbers of infections and deaths due to the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) announced confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State of Ohio, which continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, on the same date the Governor of Ohio declared a state of emergency for the entire state to protect the well-being of the citizens of Ohio from the dangerous effects of COVID-19, and to assist in protecting the lives, safety and health of the citizens of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"); and

WHEREAS, State, Territorial, Tribal, and local government entities and certain private non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for Public Assistance as a result of this Presidential declaration; and

WHEREAS, Governor Dewine and ODH Director Acton have cooperated in the issuing a series of declarations and orders limiting the size of gatherings and directing closures; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 endangers the lives of the citizens of the Village of New Concord, creating an emergency to life and public safety and disrupting commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the Village of New Concord, Ohio that:

Section 1. Village Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the Village of New Concord to declare a State of Emergency for the Village of New Concord, Ohio, and hereby invokes those portions of the Ohio Revised Code that are applicable to the emergency and have caused the issuance of this action to be in full force and effect in the Village of New Concord for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of New Concord and the continuation of local government with minimum disruption.

Section 2. All public employees in the Village of New Concord are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations and directives.

Section 3. Emergency purchases of necessary supplies and equipment by Village staff from January 20, 2020 until December 31, 2020 will be coordinated with the Fiscal Officer and tracked as COVID-19 expenses.

<u>Section 4.</u> All leave issued to staff for time off related to the COVID-19 pandemic shall be reported to and tracked by the Fiscal Officer.

Section 5. All non-essential purchases, regardless of prior approval in the 2020 Operating Budget, are suspended for all Village departments until further notice.

Section 6. Per HB 197, which was signed into law on March 27, 2020 by Ohio Governor DeWine, the Village must extend the municipal income tax filing deadline required by Ordinance I-3-18-1 from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020.

Section 7. For the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in full force at the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: April 13, 2020

Robert Dickson, President of Counci

APPROVED: April 13, 2020

Jennifer Lyle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynn Marlatt, Fiscal Officer

I hereby certify that the above legislation was posted per Ordinance No. L-1-84-1.

Lynn Marlatt, Fiscal Officer