

RESOLUTION NO. ____
LOWER CHICHESTER TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the Covid- 19 Coronavirus a pandemic and raised the health emergency to its highest level; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a National Emergency in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak; and,

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020 Governor Wolf issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak; and,

WHEREAS, Delaware County Council issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for Delaware County on March 7, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Lower Chichester Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, desires to declare a Disaster Emergency (“Disaster Emergency”) as allowed by 35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7501(b); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested by 35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7501(b), the Board of Commissioners is authorized to declare emergencies because of the public health emergency created by the effects of the COVID-19 Coronavirus in the Township; and,

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Law, 8 Pa. C.S. §1001(c), allows for the participation of council members in council meetings by means of telecommunication devices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes this Declaration of Disaster Emergency and the attached one (1) page Continuity of Operations Plan, all subject to the Board of Commissioners continuing ability to review and amend; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Commissioners appoints the President of the Township Board of Commissioners, Rocco Gaspari, Jr., as Emergency Management Coordinator with the power to appoint deputies as deemed necessary; and,

FURTHER, the limited functions of the Continuity of Operations Plan may be modified, altered, amended and/or discontinued at the direction of the Lower Chichester Township Emergency Management Coordinator after prior notification, as is practical and appropriate under the circumstances, to members of the Board of Commissioners; and,

FURTHER, the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Township Manager, appointed officials and staff administration to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies as

legally authorized under this Resolution and as authorized by the Governor's March 6, 2020 Proclamation, and subject to review of the Township Manager and the Commissioner Committee Chairman; and,

FURTHER, to the fullest extent permitted by law the Board of Commissioners hereby suspends any provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of Township business, or other orders, rules or regulations, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this Emergency Declaration. The Township may, to the fullest extent permitted by law, implement emergency assignments without regard to procedures required by other laws, except mandatory constitutional requirements, pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations, employment of temporary workers, rental of equipment, purchase of supplies and materials, and expenditures of public funds; and,

FURTHER, to the fullest extent allowable by law, the Board of Commissioners extends all deadlines and enlarges the time to act, as such deadlines or time periods are required by Pennsylvania law, for any Township officer(s), official(s), commission(s), committee(s), and board(s), until further action is taken by the Board of Commissioners to declare the end of such Disaster Emergency; and,

FURTHER, the Board of Commissioners resolves that this Resolution shall continue until further action is taken by the Board of Commissioners to declare the end of such Disaster Emergency; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Lower Chichester Township authorizes the appropriate Township officials, officers, solicitor, engineer and employees to take any and all actions required to carry out the intent of this resolution to complete the actions as described above.

ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of Lower Chichester Township, Delaware County, this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Attest:

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER CHICHESTER

JOSEPH P. POSSENTI, JR.
Township Secretary

BY: _____
ROCCO GASPARI, JR.
President of the Board of Commissioners

CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN

TOWNSHIP BUILDING TO BE CLOSED TO VISITORS UNTIL FURTHER ACTION IS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO DECLARE THE END OF THE DISASTER EMERGENCY.

THE TOWNSHIP WILL PROVIDE SERVICES AS BEST WE CAN BUT PLEASE ONLY CONTACT US IF ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED.

Residents can contact the Township via email at lowerchitwp@comcast.net or call the Township at 610-485-1472 and we will do our best to respond within 24 hours.

For Police/Fire/EMS Emergencies call 911.

For questions regarding the COVID-19 Coronavirus call the Pennsylvania Health Department at 1-877-PAHEALTH or 1-877-724-3258, <https://www.health.pa.gov/Pages/AlertDetails.aspx> .

PERMITS

- Only temporary Certificates of Occupancy may be issued during the Disaster Emergency.
- Only Permit Applications for emergency jobs will be accepted during the Disaster Emergency. Applications are found on the Township's website <http://lowerchitwp.com/township/> . Applications can be emailed to lowerchitwp@comcast.net and checks should be mailed to the Township.
- No new permits will be processed during this time of Disaster Emergency.

INSPECTIONS

- Only emergency inspections will be made during the Disaster Emergency.
- Contact the Township's Department of Code Enforcement at 610-636-8611 and leave a message or email them at lowerchitwp@comcast.net . The Department will return your call or email as promptly as possible.

SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

- Plans cannot be accepted until the office re-opens.
- Previously filed Applications will be delayed, and applicants will be notified, and extensions of time will be requested if necessary.

RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW REQUESTS

- All requests received and or made pursuant to the Right-to-Know Law will be delayed until further action is taken by the Board of Commissioners to declare the end of the Disaster Emergency.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS/TAX DISCOUNT PERIOD

- Please contact the Township's website for future dates and times <http://lowerchitwp.com/township/> .
- The Board of Commissioners and the Tax Collector have extended the 2% discount period from March 31 until April 30.

PARKS/PLAYGROUNDS/FACILITIES USE

- Township Parks and trails will be closed until further notice because of the Governor's request for social distancing and self-isolation.
- Park & Pavilion rentals during the month of March will be cancelled.