



## A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF DELAWARE

**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**, the Governor of the State of Ohio issued Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a statewide emergency to protect the well-being of the citizens of Ohio from the dangerous effects of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, local government entities are eligible to apply for Public Assistance as a result of this Presidential declaration; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 20, 2020, Delaware County has three confirmed cases of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor DeWine and State Health Director Acton have cooperated in issuing a series of declarations and orders limiting the size of gatherings and directing closures, and this continues to be an evolving situation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Health and the Delaware General Health District continue to work collaboratively with Delaware County, school systems, hospital systems, colleges and universities, and the business community to help minimize the spread of this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 endangers the lives of the citizens of Delaware, creating an emergency to life and public safety and disrupting commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, this declaration is deemed necessary to continue to provide essential services to Delaware city residents and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

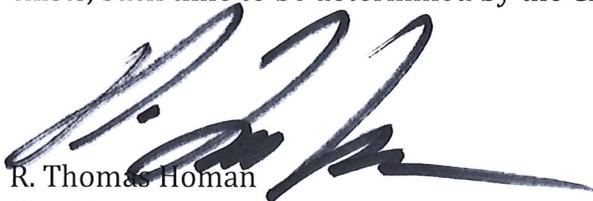
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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE CITY MANAGER OF DELAWARE, R. THOMAS HOMAN, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** It is hereby declared, pursuant to Ordinance 20-25, an emergency situation, invoking those portions of the Ohio Revised Code that are applicable to the emergency. The issuance of this action will be in full force and effect in the City of Delaware for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of Delaware and the continuation of local government with a minimum of disruption.

**Section 2.** All City of Delaware employees are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency. By way of this Declaration, each Department Director shall designate all employees (full-time, permanent part time, seasonal, and intermittent) based on operational need, and will adhere to the Emergency Declaration Workplace Directive issued March 20, 2020.

**Section 3.** This State of Emergency will remain in effect until the emergency no longer exists, such time to be determined by the City Manager.



R. Thomas Homan  
City Manager  
Delaware, Ohio  
March 20, 2020