

RESOLUTION 2023-010



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PROCLAMATION

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2023, the extremely dry conditions threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the citizens of HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP (TOWNSHIP), ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA; and

WHEREAS, the dry conditions has the potential to endanger the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the TOWNSHIP, and threatens to create challenges greater in scope than HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP may be able to resolve through traditional measures; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of affected residents and the community at large in the TOWNSHIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Edward Deardorff, HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR'S CHAIRMAN, hereby join the Township Supervisors, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7501, do hereby proclaim the existence of a local disaster emergency that a temporary township-wide burn ban will be in effect, prohibiting open burning to include burn barrels, fire pits, fireworks, in HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP, ADAMS County, Pennsylvania.

WHERE AS, "open burning" is defined as the ignition and subsequent burning of any combustible material (garbage, leaves, grass, twigs ,litter, paper, vegetative matter involved with land clearing, or any sort of debris) out-of-doors, either in a burn barrel or on the ground.

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The use of propane or gas stoves, charcoal briquette grills, or use of tobacco in any form is not covered under township burn bans. Campfires are allowed in the fire rings that confine and contain the campfire in a designated state, federal, or Department of Environmental Protection licensed campground.

THEREFORE, The resolution shall be enforced by any sworn police officer, including the Pennsylvania State Police. Any person who violates the provisions of this Resolution commits a summary offense and violates Ordinance 2003-01 Code, Chapter 152 with penalties prescribed therein.

FURTHERMORE, I direct TOWNSHIP staff to work with FAIRFIELD REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FREMA) to provide Emergency Management coordination and response teams as necessary for emergency response assistance working with first responders while providing for staff and first responders' health and safety; to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this emergency; to aid in restoration of essential public services; and to take any other public service and public safety response action deemed necessary.

FURTHERMORE, I direct administrative staff and first responders of the TOWNSHIP to act and meet the current and ongoing demands of this emergency; namely, TOWNSHIP departments may implement emergency assignments without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law, excepting mandatory constitutional requirements, pertaining to the performance of public services, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds as such actions are necessary to mitigate this emergency.

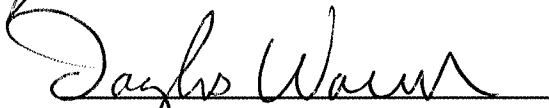
FURTHERMORE, I hereby suspend the provisions of any regulatory ordinance prescribing procedures for the conduct of municipal business, or the orders, rules, and regulations of any municipal department, if strict compliance therewith would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency.

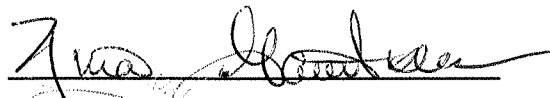
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Extension of Proclamation shall take effect immediately and be continued for a period through and including July 21, 2023, unless renewed by or with the consent of the HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS.

By SEAL of HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, as authorized this 20th day of June, 2023.


Jay Edward Deardorff, Chairman


Douglas Woerner, Vice Chairman


Nina Garretson, Secretary

SEAL:

