

## **Town of Berwyn Heights**

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Stephen D. Isler

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## TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS, MARYLAND DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan declared a state of emergency in response to concerns about the novel Coronavirus (COVID19); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Maryland Code Ann., Public Safety Art., Section 14.111, a local State of Emergency may be declared by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Berwyn Heights is a political subdivision, municipal body corporate and politic in accordance with Chapter I., Section 101, of the Charter of the Town of Berwyn Heights; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 1, Section 306.1 of the Berwyn Heights Town Charter, the Mayor of the Town of Berwyn Heights shall be recognized as the head of the Town government; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing concerns about the possible spread of the Coronavirus (COVID19) exist on March 13, 2020, within the Town of Berwyn Heights and the State of Maryland constitute a State of Emergency; and

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it resolved that on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 13, 2020, Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor of the Town of Berwyn Heights, hereby declares:

- 1. As of 5 p.m., a State of Emergency exists within the boundaries of the Town of Berwyn Heights as a result of ongoing concerns about the possible spread of the Coronavirus (COVID19) existing on March 13, 2020.
- 2. The State of Emergency shall extend from March 13, 2020 through March 31, 2020, for a period of 18 days, unless terminated earlier by subsequent declaration, pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, Public Safety Article, Section 14-101 et seq.
- 3. All departments of the Town of Berwyn Heights shall activate the emergency response of the Town Emergency Operations Plans for which they are responsible and shall take such actions and deploy such resources necessary to prevent or alleviate the ill effects in and around the Town of Berwyn Heights caused by the conditions existing on March 13, 2020.
- 4. During the State of Emergency, the Mayor and Town Council's shared responsibilities include but are not limited to taking such actions authorized by the Town Code or the Maryland Annotated Code, Public Safety Article, Section 14-101, *et seq.*, or otherwise needed to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

ATTEST:

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Date: 3/13/2020

TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS:

Sephen Isler, Mayor