



BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL

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**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
TO ALL CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOROUGH
OF HOPEWELL AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF
THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL**

WHEREAS, the rapidly evolving outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, creates an urgent need to take preventive measures to reduce risks of exposure to and transmission of the coronavirus by implementing procedures whereby essential operational needs are met while at the same time reducing or eliminating unnecessary gatherings and contact that might further adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of Hopewell Borough's residents and visitors and exacerbate and worsen existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 103, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45., and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.5 authorize and empower local Offices of Emergency Management to promulgate rules and to waive, suspend, or modify any existing rule where its enforcement would be detrimental to the public welfare, and specifically authorize the local OEM to take appropriate steps to address the public health hazard of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a state of emergency must be declared in the Borough of Hopewell, and further that certain measures must be taken to ensure that the authorities will be unhampered in their efforts to maintain law and order as well as an orderly flow of traffic and further in order to protect the persons and property of the residents affected by the conditions and finally that governmental operations including but not limited to the conduct of public meetings must be substantially altered; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid laws authorize the promulgation of such orders, rules, and regulations as are necessary to meet the various problems which have or may be presented by such an emergency; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Executive Order 103, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45., and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.5, and in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of Hopewell Borough, We Do Declare and Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in the Borough of Hopewell and I hereby order the following:

1. All scheduled public meetings held by Hopewell Borough's boards, committees and commissions, including meetings of the Hopewell Borough Planning Board, are hereby canceled through April 30, 2020 unless arrangements have been made to conduct meetings via conference call that will enable public participation.
2. All meetings of the Hopewell Borough Council are hereby canceled through April 30, 2020, except for such special or emergency meetings as may be needed in the interim for the purpose of approving the payment of bills and claims. It may be necessary to conduct said special or emergency meetings by conference call.
3. All municipally-sponsored events are canceled through April 30, 2020.



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4. All private events held on municipal property and all events requiring municipal permits are canceled through April 30, 2020, including events for which permits have already been issued.
5. The Hopewell Borough Administrator is authorized and empowered to hire any employees and to enter into service agreement with any independent contractors as may be necessary to address the needs of the municipality during this period of emergency.
6. All Hopewell Borough Departments and Agencies shall coordinate and communicate with the Hopewell Borough Office of Emergency Management to utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated and maintained by Borough of Hopewell to aid and assist persons of the Borough of Hopewell to protect life and property during the course of the emergency.

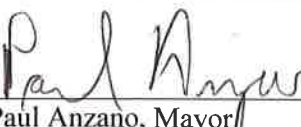
In addition, during this period of emergency, the public is strongly encouraged to utilize online payment options, U.S. mail, or drop box service at Borough Hall to make payments for property taxes, utilities, licenses, permits, and other local government business; to utilize phone, email, social media, and the resources available on Borough of Hopewell's website www.hopewellboro-nj.us, and to contact Borough officials at 609-466-2636 or by email to make routine inquiries and/or to report information to the municipality.

This Order shall take effect immediately and is subject to amendment or supplementation as needed to properly safeguard the public health, safety and welfare. It shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined that an emergency no longer exists.



Alan Fiel
Hopewell Borough Emergency Management Coordinator

3/17/2020
Date



Paul Anzano, Mayor
Hopewell Borough Mayor

3/17/20
Date