



Declaration of Civil Emergency Update March 16, 2020

TOWN OF PERRYVILLE RESPONSE TO COVID – 19 (CORONAVIRUS)

Statement of Facts

1. On Wednesday, March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Coronavirus a Pandemic.
2. On Thursday, March 12, 2020 Governor of Maryland, Lawrence Hogan, took the following steps to limit the spread of the Coronavirus in Maryland:
 - Raised MEMA Activation level to Full
 - Prohibited mass gatherings of more than 250 people
 - Closed all Maryland schools until March 27, 2020
 - Closed the Port of Baltimore to vessels that “made a call at port outside of the United States since January 31, 2020”
 - Extended permitting deadlines
 - Provided Guidance to hospitals for visitation policies
 - Declared mandatory telework for non-essential state employees
 - Delegated the day-to-day operations of the State to the Lt. Governor
 - Confirmed that Maryland is still operating under a State of Emergency

Read the full press release here: <https://governor.maryland.gov/2020/03/12/governor-hogan-announces-major-actions-to-protect-public-health-limit-spread-of-covid-19-pandemic/>

3. As of the signing of this Declaration of Civil Emergency there have been 37 confirmed cases of COVID 19 in different counties in Maryland. This is more than double the number of cases from three (3) days ago. COVID 19 appears to be a fast spreading virus without regard to geographical boundaries.

Best Interest of Public Safety

Mayor Robert R. Ashby, Jr. believes it is in the best interest of public health, safety and welfare that certain rights be temporarily limited and Town activities be cancelled, modified or conducted as follows:

Town Hall Closed to the Public: Perryville Town Hall will be closed to the public from Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 27, 2020. In person meetings will be by appointment only. Online transactions will remain available. Staff will be in the office to answer questions via phone during regular business hours, other business can be handled through email and online, and payments can be made online by credit card or through the drop slot (no cash) located at the Broad Street entrance to Town Hall.

All Meetings are cancelled until further notice.

To be clear, this means there will be no 3/16/20 Planning Commission Meeting, no 3/17/20 Work Session / Special Meeting and no 3/24/20 Budget Work session.

The PPD Outreach will be closed to members: The Perryville Police Department Outreach Program will be closed to members for the full duration of the closure. Staff will be available by phone during modified business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Public Works Department will be operating on a modified response basis. DPW will be on site and responding to emergencies as needed. Staff will be limiting the type of work that requires them to be in contact with members of the public.

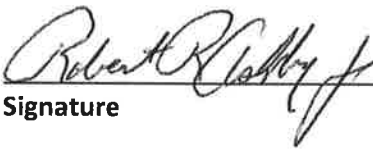
Other Essential Personnel will continue to work as planned.

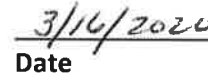
Least Necessary Restrictions on Rights

This Order is designed to provide the least necessary restriction on civil rights, while protecting the health, safety and welfare of residents, staff and others that have business with the Town of Perryville yet continuing to provide necessary public services.

This Order has been issued in compliance with Chapter 3 of the Code of the Town of Perryville entitled "Civil Emergencies".

Issued this 16th day of March, 2020 by Order of Robert R. Ashby, Jr., Mayor of the Town of Perryville.


Signature


Date