

**Franklin Township Board of Supervisors
County of Carbon, Pennsylvania
DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

Whereas, a novel coronavirus (now known as SARS CO V-2) emerged in Wuhan, China began infecting humans in December 2019, and has since spread throughout the world, including the United States; and

Whereas, COVID 19 is known to have the potential to cause Coronavirus Disease -2019 (COVID -19) in humans; and

Whereas, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has declared COVID-19 a “public health emergency of international concern: and that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary has declared that COVID -19 creates a public health emergency; and

Whereas, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

Whereas, the Governor’s Office of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on March 6, 2020 due to the COVID-19 under the authority of 35 Pa. C.S. 7701, et seq. that authorized the suspension of certain procedures and formalities prescribed by law and urged counties to “act as necessary to meet the current exigencies”; 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 in Franklin Township (Carbon County); and

Whereas, Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S. 35 Pa. C.S. 7501) authorizes Franklin Township to declare a disaster emergency upon finding a disaster has occurred or is imminent; and

NOW THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Supervisors of Franklin Township pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S. 7501), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Franklin Township due to COVID-19.

FURTHER, we authorize officials of Franklin Township to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, the income of obligations, the levying of taxes and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

AND FURTHER, this declaration of a disaster emergency in Franklin Township shall continue in full force and effect until December 31, 2021, unless terminated earlier by the Supervisors of Franklin Township

This Declaration shall take effect immediately this **21st** day of **September, 2021** by the **Franklin Township Board of Supervisors County of Carbon.**


Chairman, Board of Supervisors


Vice-Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:


Secretary


Member, Board of Supervisors