



Executive Order 2020-01

VILLAGE OF REMINDERVILLE, SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO

Sam Alonso, Mayor/Director of Public Safety

Order of Emergency due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, the United States of America has confirmed cases of individuals who have a severe acute respiratory disease (“COVID-19”) caused by novel Coronavirus (“the virus”) first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People’s Republic of China, which was first reported on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, as of January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency for the United States; on March 9, 2020 the State of Ohio declared a State of Emergency; on March 9, 2020 the Department of Health confirmed three (3) patients were positive for COVID-19 in the State of Ohio; on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (“WHO”) characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as of March 22, 2020 the WHO has reported more than 294,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in 187 countries, and approximately 12,944 deaths from the virus, with the number of confirmed cases escalating dramatically over a short period of time; and

WHEREAS, as of March 22, more than 4% of the people confirmed infected with the virus have died, according to the WHO; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by the virus and has determined that the virus presents a serious public health threat, requiring coordination among federal, state, and local health departments to ensure readiness for potential health threats associated with the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Summit County Health Department, the Ohio Department of Health, and other Village partners have been working successfully and diligently to implement CDC guidelines and assist with the ongoing and developing threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 22, 2020 the Ohio Department of Health confirmed three hundred fifty-one (351) patients were positive for COVID-19, that forty (40) counties in the state have reported positive tests for COVID-19, and three (3) Ohioans have died from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020 the Governor of Ohio has closed all schools (public, private, and charter) at the close of school on March 16, 2020 and has banned all mass gatherings of more than one hundred (100) people in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, there is reason to believe that COVID-19 may spread amongst the population by various means of exposure, therefore posing a high probability of widespread exposure and significant risk of substantial future harm to the State of Ohio and Village of Reminderville residents; and

WHEREAS, the direct and definite public health and safety threats of COVID-19, and the related threats to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village of Reminderville, Ohio are now imminent and emergency action must be taken to prevent death or injury of persons and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the Village of Reminderville, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of a state of emergency is necessary to allow Village departments to thoroughly prepare for and respond to any eventuality, including directing personnel and resources from various Village departments to help manage the emergency, and to allow state and federal agencies and state and federal resources to be deployed, if necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Reminderville, Ohio Charter Section 3.05, states that the Mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the Municipality, and Section 12.01 states that the Mayor shall be the Director of Public Safety for purposes of enforcing health and safety regulations;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sam Alonso, Mayor of the Village of Reminderville, Ohio by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Village of Reminderville, by the laws of the State of Ohio and Home Rule Charter and laws of the Village of Reminderville, Ohio, do hereby declare that due to the above-recited circumstances, a state of emergency exists in the Village of Reminderville, Ohio, warranting the use of all extraordinary measures appropriate to ensure public health, safety, welfare, and convenience.

This state of emergency is declared for the Village of Reminderville, Ohio to protect the well-being of the citizens and employees of Reminderville from the dangerous effects of COVID-19, to justify the authorization of personnel of Village departments as necessary, to coordinate the Village to respond to COVID-19, and to assist in protecting the lives, safety, and health of the employees and citizens of Reminderville, Ohio.

The Village shall develop and implement procedures, including suspending or adopting temporary policies or rules within their authority, consistent with recommendations from the County and State Departments of Health to prevent or alleviate this public health threat.

All employees and citizens are urged to heed the advice of the County and State Departments of Health and other emergency officials regarding this public health emergency in order to protect their health and safety.

I signed this Executive Order on March 22, 2020, in Reminderville, Ohio, and it shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect until the emergency no longer exists, such time to be determined by the State of Ohio Health Department, Summit County Health Department in consultation with the Mayor, who will coordinate State response efforts and terminate the emergency upon recommendation of appropriate officials of other State and County departments and agencies.

This Executive Order will remain in effect until revoked by a subsequent Order.

Sam Alonso
Mayor/Director of Public Safety

March 22, 2020
Date

Eff. March 22, 2020