

CITY OF LOCK HAVEN
SESSION OF 2020
RESOLUTION NO. 1374

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING AN EXTENSION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN
THE CITY OF LOCK HAVEN DUE TO THE THREAT OF THE COVID-19 EPIDEMIC

WHEREAS the Mayor of the City of Lock Haven did issue a declaration of a State of Emergency on March 18, 2020 under 11203 of the Third Class City Code, as extended by action of City Council through April 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS those directives therein proclaimed require amending due to changing circumstances and the necessity of an extension of the State of Emergency to continue to deal with the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS as of March 17, 2020, the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of the City of Lock Haven; and

WHEREAS COVID-19 has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Lock Haven City, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the City of Lock Haven may be able to resolve with its own resources; and

WHEREAS the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on March 6, 2020, due to COVID-19 under the authority of 35 Pa.C.S. 7101, et seq. that authorizes 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 the City of Lock Haven;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City Council of Lock Haven that pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501), as amended, does hereby amend and extend the declaration of a disaster emergency in the City of Lock Haven until the Governor or the Legislature does repeal the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency as a result of COVID-19.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED THAT

- A. The operations directives contained within the Proclamation of the State of Emergency declared March 18, 2020 shall remain in effect through at least April 30;
- B. City Council authorizes the City Manager to act as necessary to meet the current demands of this emergency, by the recall of fulltime workers as necessitated by demand, the employment of temporary workers if necessitated by demand, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials;

- C. The City Manager is directed to bring to City Council for its authorization such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED THAT

- A. effective at the close of business April 12, and beginning April 13, 2020, the following employees of departments covered by the agreement between the City of Lock Haven and AFSCME Local 2834 who are experiencing a reduction in hours because of COVID-19 will be furloughed under Section 23.06 of the agreement:

Kyle Long (President Local 2834)

STREETS-PARKS

Thomas Gallagher
Darrell Shade
William Brininger
Jeremy Wallace
Joshua Bechdel
Benjamin Confer

WATER

Daryl Clements
Elwood Duck
Brian Shirk
Kyle Fox

PUBLIC SAFETY

Michelle Bechdel
Lisa Shade

The employees listed above should expect to be recalled from furlough, temporarily or permanently, in the order they are presented if their department is required to assist in either the treatment of wastewater or to support other emergency functions or repairs; however, any employee may waive that recall if they believe the next employee on the list in their department has the knowledge, skills or abilities to better perform the required task under Section 23.07 of the agreement between the City of Lock Haven and AFSCME Local 2834.

- B. effective at the close of business April 12, and beginning April 13, 2020, the following list of additional employees who are experiencing a reduction in hours because of COVID-19 will be furloughed:

Jill Edmonds
Bobbie Farley
Donna Jedrzejek
Tammy Lannan
Angie McGregor
Rebecca Mellott

Lori Stover
James Walbridge
Edward Watson
Julia Welshans
D. Matt Winton

The employees listed above should expect to be recalled from furlough, temporarily or permanently, to assist with operations that may be required in support of essential or life-sustaining services.

- C. while a fulltime employee is on furlough, the employees' biweekly contribution to Highmark Blue Cross / Blue Shield health insurance, and United Concordia dental insurance are still payable by the employee in order to continue coverage with the first payment being due April 24, 2020 and every two weeks thereafter until the employee is recalled or until the State of Emergency provision of health and dental care fails to be extended by the provider, whichever comes first; and
- D. the City Manager may recall any employee from furlough on either a temporary or permanent basis as made necessary by emergency or essential operations; and
- E. the following employees are directed to continue to provide essential service that requires existing knowledge and experience of essential operations or certification for operations as follows:

POLICE

Chief Smith	Patrol Officer Coder
Lieutenant Gregory	Patrol Officer Fischer
Detective Simpson	Patrol Officer Fisher
Sergeant Gramley	Patrol Officer Gregory
Sergeant Nero	Patrol Officer Griffin
Patrol Officer Alexander	Patrol Officer Katalinas
Patrol Officer Bumbarger	Patrol Officer Vaughn

In the event of a vacancy through resignation or illness during the Commonwealth's State of Emergency, the City Manager shall appoint a qualified and experienced candidate as an Auxiliary Police Officer who shall have all the powers of a Patrol Officers through the State of Emergency as authorized by Chapter 116 Article II of the City Code. If the vacancy is due to resignation, at the conclusion of the State of Emergency, the candidate shall be presented to Council for its consideration of permanent appointment to fill the vacancy.

FIRE

Administrator & Driver R. Neff	Relief Driver R. Kunes
Fulltime Driver E. Brungard	Relief Driver J. Neff
Fulltime Driver T. Wooding	Relief Driver J. Sanders
Relief Driver W. Harber	

In the event of the illness or quarantine of any fulltime driver, a part-time driver should expect to be called up to fulltime work while that employee recovers.

SEWER

Mike Glantz	David Sorgen
Stephen Packer	William Todd

Caleb Rogers
George Brown

Henry Jolloff
Jay Frazier
Abbigale Rathmell

In the event of the illness or quarantine of any wastewater treatment employees listed above, employees from the list of furloughed public works employees should expect to be recalled to assist in the essential functions of wastewater treatment.

F. on or before April 13, 2020 at the opening of business, the following employees shall return to their regular shifts to perform limited public works functions including airport operations, levee maintenance, minor repairs to the streets and stormwater systems, and continue water maintenance operations and meter reading:

Henry Cummings
Kyle Dale

Jared Gist
Douglas Wenker

G. the following administrative employees shall have additional duties during the Commonwealth's State of Emergency beyond their regular functions to take on tasks performed by those who have been furloughed, and each should work on-site in alternating, non-overlapping shifts to the extent possible in order to accomplish their tasks that cannot be accomplished through remote working:

City Manager Gregory Wilson
Director of Community Life Kasey Campbell
GIS Technician Jon Hart
Planner & Development Coordinator Abbey Roberts
Finance Office Manager Wendi Spicher
Director of Public Works Anthony Stopper
Human Resources Specialist Ivana Trader
Director of Permits & Licenses Cyndi Walker

This Proclamation shall become effective immediately as issued by the Hon. Mayor Joel Long of the City of Lock Haven and as approved by City Council attested to by the signature of the Hon. Vice President of Council Stephen Stevenson, and shall remain in effect from this point forward unless repealed or amended by action of City Council.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LOCK HAVEN

Gregory J. Wilson, City Clerk

Joel Long, Mayor

Stephen Stevenson, Vice President