

CITY OF LAUREL
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



CRAIG A. MOE
MAYOR

Executive Order No. 2020-02

Subject: Declaration of Civil Emergency and
Existence of Public Health Emergency
COVID-19

Effective Date: March 13, 2020

Pursuant to the powers granted to me by Section 2-176 of the Laurel City Code, I, Craig A. Moe, as Mayor of the City, hereby declare that a Municipal Civil Emergency currently exists in the City of Laurel due to an outbreak of disease ("COVID-19") and that this constitutes an imminent threat to the health and safety of the City and its citizens.

All current information available to me clearly demonstrates that this Executive Order is necessary to protect the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Laurel.

COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease, resulting in illness or death, caused by the person-to-person spread of the novel coronavirus, which was not previously found in humans. The coronavirus, as a viral agent capable of causing extensive loss of life or serious disability, is a deadly agent.

The Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency. The World Health Organization ("WHO"), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") have declared the COVID-19 outbreak a "pandemic event".

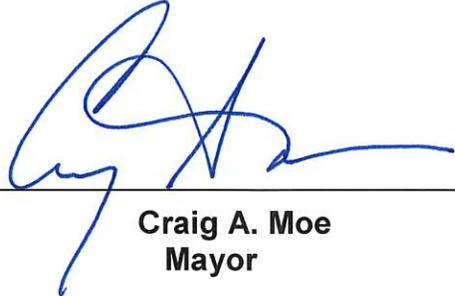
The CDC has issued guidance to all state and local governments, and all citizens, recommending steps to prevent and lower community spread of this virus.

On March 5, 2020, Maryland Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., declared a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency within the entire State of Maryland.

As of March 13, 2020, there were twelve (12) confirmed cases in the State of Maryland with four (4) of those confirmed cases in Prince George's County. The transmission of the novel coronavirus in the County and the State is a threat to human health in the City of Laurel.

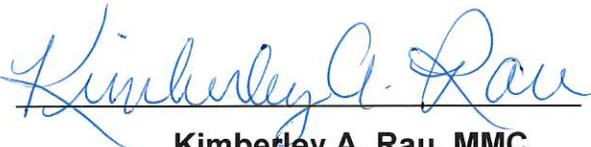
COVID-19 poses an immediate danger to public safety and requires the City to deploy resources and implement the emergency powers of the Mayor to protect health and safety of the citizens of the City of Laurel.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until my further Executive Order declaring the civil emergency ended.



Craig A. Moe
Mayor

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