

**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
CITY OF SYLVANIA, OHIO**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 outbreak, characterized as a pandemic by the World Health Organization, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus and is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans; and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and can easily spread from person to person; and,

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern; and,

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, Alex M. Azar II, Secretary of Health and Human Services, determined and declared a public health emergency in the United States in relation to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 the Ohio Department of Health announced confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State of Ohio, which number continues to increase; and,

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine signed an Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency for the entire State of Ohio in relation to COVID-19 pursuant to the Governor's authority vested in him by the Ohio Constitution, the laws of the State of Ohio and in accordance with Revised Code Section 5502.22; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency for the entire State of Ohio urged all citizens to comply with the advice of the Department of Health and other emergency officials regarding COVID-19 in order to protect their health and safety; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a National Emergency, invoking the Stafford Act and allowing the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate disaster response and aid state and local governments in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, state, territorial, tribal, local government entities and certain private non-profit (PNP) organizations are eligible to apply for public assistance as a result of this Presidential declaration; and,

WHEREAS, Governor DeWine and Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton have cooperated in issuing a series of declarations and restrictions limiting the size of gatherings and directing closures in this ever-evolving situation; and,

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Lucas County Commissioners declared a State of Emergency for Lucas County and activated the Lucas County Emergency Operations Center to coordinate communications, resources and decision-making in Lucas County relative to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, Lucas County has 297 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and is currently experiencing community spread of the virus that causes COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, in the City of Sylvania and across Lucas County there is a current threat of an acutely hazardous disease, illness, or health condition; specifically, COVID-19, that is believed to be caused by the appearance of a novel infectious agent; and,

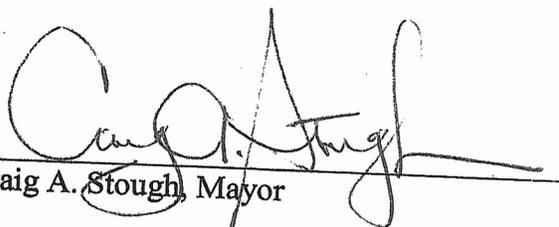
WHEREAS, COVID-19 endangers the lives of the citizens of Sylvania, creating an emergency to life and public safety and disrupting commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig A. Stough, Mayor of the City of Sylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Ohio Constitution, the Charter of the City of Sylvania, and the Sylvania Codified Ordinances, do hereby order and direct that:

1. A State of Emergency is declared for the entire City of Sylvania to protect the lives and well-being of the citizens of the City as well as those who work, attend school, and visit the City, from the dangerous effects of COVID-19.
2. All public employees of the City of Sylvania are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations and directives.
3. All residents are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and employees executing emergency operational plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful direction of properly identified officers.
4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect until the emergency no longer exists, such time to be determined by the Mayor.

This order shall be in full force and effect after my signature is affixed to this document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand to be hereto affixed this 6th day of April, 2020.


Craig A. Stough, Mayor