



**TOWN OF HARRISBURG, NORTH CAROLINA
HARRISBURG TOWN HALL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 16, 2020
5:30 PM**

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. COVID-19 Response Discussion
 - B. Local State of Emergency Declaration
- 3. ADJOURNMENT**

Town of Harrisburg's Vision Statement

Harrisburg will be the best small town in North Carolina based on low density housing, excellent economic opportunities, a safe living environment, and efficient and effective municipal services. Amenities such as excellent recreational programs, adequate open space, attractive shopping opportunities, a diversity of restaurants, and a connected system of roadways, sidewalks, greenways, and bicycle lanes will continue to enhance the quality of life of the Town. These services and amenities will be provided while retaining reasonable tax rates and debt levels.



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Agenda Item Details

Title:

COVID-19 Response Discussion

Presenting Personnel:

Suggested Motion or Action:

Description/Background:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

None



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Local State of Emergency Declaration

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1. Resolution- State of Emergency



RESOLUTION

Declaration of Local State of Emergency

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus disease COVID-19 is a new disease spreading across the globe causing flu-like symptoms, and can be particularly dangerous to the elderly and medically vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is believed to have begun in Wuhan, China in late 2019, the first case was detected in the United States on January 21, 2020, and the first case was confirmed in North Carolina on March 3, 2020; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, in order to address and mitigate the threat of COVID-19 to vulnerable populations and to slow the spread of COVID-19 in North Carolina, Governor Roy Cooper declared a State of Emergency in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, noting that COVID-19 had infected more than 118,000 people in 114 countries and had caused 4,291 deaths, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020 we are beginning to see presumptively positive cases of COVID-19 in Cabarrus County; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 President Trump declared the COVID-19 pandemic to be a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described public health emergency, we have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, loss of life or property; and public safety authorities may be unable to maintain public order to afford adequate protection for lives or property; and

WHEREAS, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety and welfare, and to secure property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Harrisburg Town Council, in a meeting duly assembled and by the authority granted by N.C.G.S. 166A-19.22, hereby declare a local State of Emergency for the Town of Harrisburg and further declare the following:

1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared for the area within the jurisdiction of the Town of Harrisburg.
2. In accordance with N.C.G.S. 166A-19.31, the Town of Harrisburg can enact a variety of different restrictions and/or prohibitions as this evolving situation warrants. At this time there are no restrictions.
3. It is hereby ordered that all emergency response personnel as well as all other Town employees subject to our control cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, as well as all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws.
4. It is hereby requested that all residents, visitors, businesses and establishments within the Town of Harrisburg follow all directives and recommendations set forth by the North Carolina Governor's office, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and the Cabarrus Health Alliance.
5. It is hereby ordered this declaration be distributed to the news media and other organizations to bring its attention to the general public, be filed with the Clerk of the Town of Harrisburg, and be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.
6. This declaration shall take effect on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

Adopted this 16th day of March, 2020.

Steven J. Sciascia, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet Rackley, Town Clerk