

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF FLETCHER, OHIO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XVIII, SECTION 3 OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION AND OHIO REVISED CODE §§ 733.23 and 733.24, EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 2020.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person. The virus is spread by individuals who are in close contact with each other (within about six feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It may be possible that individuals can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose or eyes; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has made COVID-19 a Class A reportable disease in Ohio and;

WHEREAS, after Ohio citizens tested positive for COVID-19, in recognition of the potentially dangerous condition which may affect the health, safety and welfare of Citizens of Ohio, Governor Mike DeWine declared a State of Emergency in Ohio on March 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, thereafter many steps have been taken to further protect the well-being of the citizens of Ohio from the dangerous effects of COVID-19, including temporarily closing educational facilities and some business operations, and drastically limiting where and the number of persons who may gather in any one place; and

WHEREAS, realizing the clear and imminent danger to residents of the Village of Fletcher from the dangerous effects of COVID-19, and to assist in protecting the lives, safety, and health of the residents of the Village of Fletcher, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to continue to perform essential functions and provide essential services to the residents of the Village of Fletcher, Ohio,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Penny S. Reed, Mayor of the Village of Fletcher, Ohio, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and the authority of §§ 733.23 and 733.24 of the Ohio Revised Code, do hereby:

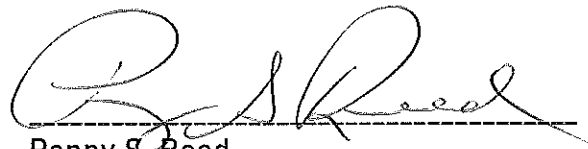
1. Proclaim a State of Emergency within the Corporate Boundaries of the Village of Fletcher, Ohio, effective April 15, 2020 and lasting until the emergency no longer exists, such time to be determined by the Governor of the State of Ohio as determined by the Director of Health

of the State of Ohio and Executive Director of the Emergency management Agency of the State of Ohio.

2. Declare that the Mayor, as Chief Conservator of the Peace in accordance with Ohio law, shall have the authority to issue such regulations that may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
 - (A) Regulations prohibiting or restricting the movement of vehicles in order to facilitate the work of civil defense forces, or to facilitate the mass movement of persons from critical areas within or without the Village.
 - (B) Regulations pertaining to the movement of persons from areas deemed to be hazardous or vulnerable to disaster.
 - (C) Such other regulations necessary to preserve public peace, health and safety.
 - (D) Regulations promulgated in accordance with the authority above will be given widespread circulation by proclamations published and uttered by newspaper and radio. These regulations will have the force of ordinance when duly filed with the Clerk of Council.
 - (E) All other emergency management efforts including those contained in Section 5502 of the Ohio Revised Code
3. Suspend all regulatory provisions of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Fletcher as necessary to allow for the continued ability of the Village to meet payroll and pay all payroll taxes, process insurance benefits, and pay vendors during the time of the emergency, and hereby ORDERS the Clerk of Council to continue to pay such expenses for the continued operation of essential Village services until such time as the emergency expires or the Council can meet to review and vote on such expenditures as in the normal course of business.
4. Urge the legislative Council of the Village of Fletcher, at its next regularly scheduled or special meeting, to review and ratify all expenditures required between the time of the previous regular meeting on March 9, 2020 and the enactment of this Declaration on April 15, 2020.
5. Declare that the Mayor shall direct resources to the aid of other communities when required in accordance with the statutes of the State, and she may request the State, or a political subdivision of the State to send aid to the Village in case of disaster when resources of the Fletcher are no longer adequate to cope with the disaster.

6. Declare that the Mayor may obtain vital supplies, equipment and other properties found lacking and needed for the protection of the health, life and property of the people and bind the Village for the fair value thereof, without monetary limitation.
7. Declare that the Mayor may require emergency services of any Village officer or employees. If regular Village forces are determined inadequate, the Officer may require the services of such other personnel as he can obtain that are available, including citizen volunteers. All duly authorized persons rendering emergency services shall be entitled to the privileges and immunities as are provided by State law and ordinances for regular Village employees and other registered and identified civil defense and disaster workers and, upon demand, may receive appropriate compensation for their emergency employment.
8. Urge the residents of the Village of Fletcher to heed the advice of the Department of Health and other emergency officials regarding this public health emergency in order to protect their health and safety.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto
set my hand and seal this 15th day of
April, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Penny S. Reed", written over a horizontal dashed line.

Penny S. Reed
Mayor
Village of Fletcher, Ohio