

## PROCLAMATION

Subject: Public Health Emergency Declared

Pursuant to the powers granted to me by the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster (“the City”) by virtue of Chapter 10, "Civil Emergencies", of the Code of the City of Westminster and Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, I, Joe Dominick, as Mayor, hereby declare a Municipal Civil Emergency in the City because of the impending threat of widespread infection by the virus known as COVID-19.

During the existence of this state of emergency, the following prohibitions and restrictions are imposed:

- Demonstrations, marches, parades, vigils are prohibited on any of the public ways or upon any public property.
- Members of the public are urged to maintain a distance of at least six feet from other people in public and to avoid social gatherings of more than a few people.
- Certain City facilities shall be closed until further notice. A list of closures will be posted at City Hall, made available on the City’s website, and disseminated through other regular channels of communication used by the City to keep the public informed of governmental procedures and directives.

Other restrictions and prohibitions may be imposed by subsequent proclamation if warranted by developing circumstances.

This proclamation of emergency may be extended, altered or rescinded in any particular during the continued existence of a state of emergency by the issuance of a subsequent proclamation.

During the existence of a proclaimed state of emergency, it shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision of any prohibition or restriction imposed by any proclamation authorized hereunder.

If it shall appear that the emergency is likely to be of such proportions that the means available to the City to maintain law and order within the City are insufficient for such purpose, I may, by the most expeditious means of communication, inform the Governor of the situation and request that the necessary police or military forces of the state be provided promptly.

This emergency order shall take effect on Saturday, March 14, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., and shall remain in effect until circumstances warrant rescission or when the Common Council directs that it be concluded.



Joe Dominick, Mayor