

**WILLIAM J. ROTH, JR.  
MAYOR**



## **CITY OF FAIRLAWN**

March 16, 2020

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

#### **DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, coronavirus disease 2019 is an emerging infectious disease first identified in December 2019 in Wuhan, Hubei Province in the Peoples Republic of China that causes serious respiratory illness that can cause death; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared this a public health emergency of international concern, named the disease coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and on January 31, 2020, the U. S. Secretary of Health and Human Services declared it a public health emergency in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the WHO characterized the global outbreak of COVID-19 as a pandemic and has indicated this is a first-ever pandemic caused by a coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been evidence of person-to-person and asymptomatic transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 and, similar to other coronaviruses such as SARS and MERS, it is believed to be spread through droplets of respiratory secretions when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

**WHEREAS**, since the emergence of COVID-19, the virus has affected persons all over the world. The virus has proven to be deadly as there have been over 4,500 deaths reported to date; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, testing by the Ohio Department of Health confirmed that at least 50 persons were positive for COVID-19 in the State of Ohio creating a potentially dangerous condition which may affect the health, safety and welfare of citizens of Ohio and the citizens of Fairlawn; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine declared a state of emergency for the entire state of Ohio.

**NOW THEREFORE**, by the virtue of the power vested in me by the Charter of the City of Fairlawn, the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, I, William J. Roth, Jr., Mayor of the City of Fairlawn, hereby order and direct that:

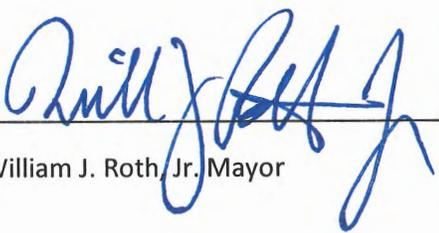
COVID-19 is determined to be a danger and threat to the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of Fairlawn and therefore, a state of emergency is declared for the City of Fairlawn in order to facilitate such actions as are necessary to implement a response to COVID-19, thereby protecting the lives, safety and health of the citizens of the City of Fairlawn.

I direct my Cabinet, under my authority and supervision, to take all lawful actions as may be necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Fairlawn and the City of Fairlawn employees.

The City will develop and implement procedures, including but not limited to suspending and/or adopting temporary rules for the City of Fairlawn employees, consistent with the recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health, Summit County Department of Public Health, and Centers for Disease Control and such other emergency officials to prevent or alleviate this public health threat.

I hereby direct that all City buildings be closed to the public until further notice. All non-essential persons should not enter City buildings unless absolutely necessary. Arrangements are being made to allow for City services to be provided remotely where possible. Check the city website for more information or contact the relevant department head.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect until the emergency no longer exists and shall be terminated by executive order upon a determination that emergency measures are no longer required for the protection of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens in Fairlawn.



William J. Roth, Jr. Mayor