

**BOROUGH OF OAKLAND
STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and

WHEREAS,, COVID-19 is responsible for the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak, which was first identified in Wuhan, the People’s Republic of China in December 2019 and quickly spread to the Hubei Province and multiple other countries; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of the COVID-19 illness include fever, cough and shortness of breath, which may appear in as few as two or as long as 14 days after exposure, and can spread from person to person via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a “public health emergency of international concern,” which means “an extraordinary event which is determined to constitute a public health risk to other States through the international spread of disease and to potentially require a coordinated international response,” and thereafter raised its global risk assessment of COVID-19 from “high” to “very high”; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 9, 2020, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), there were more than 114,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide,

with over 4,000 of those cases having resulted in death; and

WHEREAS, as of March 9, 2020, there were more than 500 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, with 22 of those cases having resulted in death; and

WHEREAS, as of March 9, 2020, there were 11 presumed positive cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey, with 24 additional "Persons Under Investigation" spread across the counties of Bergen, Camden, Cumberland, Essex, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Passaic, Union and Sussex; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Philip D. Murphy issued Executive Order No. 103 declaring a public health emergency and state of emergency in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, County Executive James Tedesco, III, declared a state of emergency in the County of Bergen and implemented certain restrictions on the operations of businesses, etc.; and


WHEREAS, the statutes of the State of New Jersey, in particular *N.J.S.A.40A:60A-1 et seq.* confers upon the Mayor, in consultation with the emergency management coordinator, certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA A. SCHWAGER, Mayor of the Borough of Oakland, in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the Borough of Oakland, do declare and proclaim that a public health emergency and state of emergency exist in the State of New Jersey and I hereby direct the following:

1. All businesses within the Borough of Oakland shall conform to the Executive Order No. 103 issued by Governor Philip D. Murphy and Executive Order No. 2020-1B issued by the Bergen County Executive, James J. Tedesco, III on March 16,

2020.

2. The Emergency Management Coordinator and Board of Health shall coordinate supervision of all activities within the Borough of Oakland.
3. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.


LINDA SCHWAGER, Mayor
Borough of Oakland

Dated: March 17, 2020