

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-01****AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE AS A RESULT OF COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Public Safety § 14-111, the principal executive officer of a political subdivision may declare a local state of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 3-39(d) of the Charter of the City of Cambridge (the "Charter"), the City Manager is the chief executive officer for the City of Cambridge (the "City"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 3-21(b) of the Charter, the Mayor is authorized to declare for the City when a formal emergency begins and ends; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by the novel coronavirus that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and a public safety emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, a Declaration of State of Emergency and Existence of a Catastrophic Health Emergency was declared by the Governor of Maryland on March 5, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak was issued by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Council of Dorchester County declared a local State of Emergency for Dorchester County as a result of COVID-19 on March 20, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Dorchester County was reported on March 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization ("WHO") and the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") have declared the COVID-19 outbreak a public health emergency of international concern that poses an immediate danger to public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, as the COVID-19 public health catastrophe and public safety emergency continues, it threatens lives, health, and property in the City, requiring all of the City's resources to be called into limited or long-term activation; and

**WHEREAS**, federal, State, and local assistance may be needed to protect public peace, health, and safety in the City as well as the lives, health, and property of the citizens of the City pursuant to Title 14 (Emergency Management) of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, resources are requested under applicable federal, State, and local emergency plans and may consist of personnel, equipment, and use of facility space as needed for this emergency to protect the public peace and safety of the citizens of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Manager believe that it is necessary and appropriate to declare a State of Emergency pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Public Safety § 14-111 and § 3-21(b) of the Charter.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY VICTORIA JACKSON-STANLEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, AND PATRICK C. COMISKEY, CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**, pursuant to the authority set forth in Md. Code Ann., Public Safety § 14-111 and § 3-21(b) of the Charter of the City of Cambridge, that there exists a State of Emergency in the City of Cambridge as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

**AND BE IT FURTHER DECLARED** that the City and its agents, servants, and employees are hereby empowered to do all lawful acts and implement all lawful procedures considered necessary to prevent or alleviate the effects of the emergency.

**AND BE IT FURTHER DECLARED** that all emergency powers and plans of the City under the Charter and Code of the City of Cambridge and all other applicable federal, State, and local laws, rules, policies, and regulations are hereby activated.

**AND BE IT FURTHER DECLARED** that the City hereby requests and authorizes the receipt of all available federal, State, and local aid, resources, and assistance to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City pursuant to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

**AND BE IT FURTHER DECLARED** that this Executive Order shall be effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect until canceled by a subsequent Executive Order of the Mayor and the City Manager or by the Governor of Maryland; provided, however, that this Executive Order shall not remain in effect for more than thirty (30) days without the consent of the Commissioners of Cambridge.

**AND BE IT FURTHER DECLARED** that notice of this Executive Order shall be promptly publicized in a newspaper of general circulation and published on the City's website.

**AND BE IT FURTHER DECLARED** that a copy of this Executive Order shall be filed with the City's Custodian of Records.

**ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE** this \_\_\_ day of April, 2020.

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Patrick C. Comiskey, City Manager

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Victoria Jackson-Stanley, Mayor