



**BOROUGH OF HAMBURG,
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about January 24, 2026, a severe winter storm (snow emergency) is forecasted to impact the Borough of Hamburg (“Borough”) over several days causing dangerous weather conditions, including heavy snow, sleet, and persistent extreme cold temperatures; and

WHEREAS, the dangerous weather conditions have the potential to create significant adverse impacts, including hazardous travel conditions, and there is concern for the safety and well-being of the population throughout the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“Commonwealth”), pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 730(c) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7101, et seq., proclaimed the existence of a general disaster emergency throughout the Commonwealth on January 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency situation has the potential to cause significant adverse impacts upon the population throughout the Borough, and is of such magnitude and severity as to require the activation of recovery aspects of any and all applicable local emergency management and response plans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 10A06(b) of the Pennsylvania Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S.A. §§101, et seq., as amended, and Subsection 7501(b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency and the Pennsylvania Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7101, et seq., as amended, I do hereby proclaim the existence of a general disaster emergency, and authorize Amy Beakley, the Borough Manager (“Borough Manager”), or her designee, for a period of seven (7) days from the date of this Proclamation, which period of time may be extended by resolution of Borough Council, to assume command and control of all Borough emergency operations and authorize and direct that all Borough departments and agencies utilize all available resources and personnel as is deemed necessary by the Borough Manager from time to time to cope with this emergency situation, for such length of time as may be necessary to response to this emergency situation, in order to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local emergency management and response plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder.

FURTHER, I hereby request transfer to the Borough Manager, or her designee, such amounts of Borough unused funds as may be approved by Borough Council from time to time during this emergency situation for Emergency Management Assistance expenses related to this emergency, as conditions require. The aforementioned funds shall be used for expenses authorized by Borough Council and incurred related to this emergency. I hereby direct that any funds transferred herein that remain unused after all costs related to this emergency have been satisfied shall be returned to the Borough's general fund. This Proclamation shall serve as the written determination of the basis for such emergency.

FURTHER, I hereby suspend all or any provisions of any Borough ordinance or resolution if strict compliance with the provisions thereof would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency. The Borough Manager may implement emergency assignments without regard to procedures required by other Borough ordinances or resolutions, except mandatory constitutional requirements, pertaining to performance of public work, incurring of obligations, employment of temporary workers, rental of equipment, purchase of supplies and materials, and expenditures of Borough public funds, as may be necessary to meet this emergency, all without regard to those time consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

FURTHER, I hereby authorize the Borough Manager to use all available Borough resources and personnel in whatever manner the Borough Manager reasonably deems necessary during this emergency to assist in addressing the consequences of this emergency for such length of time as may be necessary to respond to this emergency and as authorized by this Proclamation, as may be extended by Borough Council.

FURTHER, I hereby authorize Anthony Kuklinski, the Borough Chief of Police ("Police Chief") to use all available Borough Police Department resources and personnel in whatever manner the Police Chief reasonably deems necessary during this emergency to assist the actions of the Borough Manager in addressing the consequences of this emergency for such length of time as may be necessary to respond to this emergency and as authorized by this Proclamation, as may be extended by Borough Council.

FURTHER, I hereby direct that any applicable Borough and all other emergency management and emergency response plans be activated and that any and all actions be taken as may be necessary to implement such plans, including but not limited to implementing curfews and closing Borough-owned properties and Borough parks, all of which shall be coordinated and implemented through the Borough Manager.

FURTHER, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the laws of the Commonwealth pursuant to 8 Pa.C.S.A. §10A06(b)(2), I hereby authorize the Police Chief to request aid and assistance from law enforcement officers and agencies from a neighboring municipality.

STILL FURTHER, I authorize officials of Borough of Hamburg to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering

into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately and shall be posted in one or more conspicuous places within the Borough.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Borough, in the Borough of Hamburg, Berks County, Pennsylvania, this 24th day of January, 2026.

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By: 
George Holmes, Mayor

