

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Resolution No. 52-20

Mrs. Cathy Bevins, Chair
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, May 21, 2020

A RESOLUTION of the County Council approving the continuation of a State of Emergency declared by the County Executive on March 13, 2020 (Executive Order No. 2020-002).

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Management for Baltimore County and the local Health Officer have determined that COVID-19, a respiratory disease 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 the State of Maryland on March 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the President of the United States 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 Baltimore County, requiring Baltimore County to call all of its resources into limited or long-term activation; and

WHEREAS, State assistance may be needed to protect public peace, health and safety in Baltimore County as well as the lives, health and property of the residents of Baltimore County in accordance with Title 14 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Resources are requested under applicable 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 residents of Baltimore County; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, in accordance with the authority granted by the Charter and Laws of Baltimore County, Maryland, including § 3-1-503 of the Baltimore County Code (2015), and in accordance with any and all authority vested in the County Executive by the Maryland Constitution and the Laws of Maryland, including §14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the County Executive of Baltimore County, Maryland declared that a State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency exists in Baltimore County, Maryland (Executive Order No. 2020-002); and

WHEREAS, the County Executive further ordered that the Emergency Declaration shall be promptly publicized and a copy of the Emergency Declaration be filed with the chief local records-keeping agency; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the County Council approved Resolution 37-20 authorizing the continuation of the State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency (Executive Order No. 2020-002) for an additional 30 days; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, the County Council approved Resolution 47-20 authorizing the continuation of the State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency (Executive Order No. 2020-002) for an additional 40 days; and

WHEREAS, it is likely that the state of emergency will continue beyond May 25, 2020, and in accordance with the authority granted by Section 208(e) of the Baltimore County Charter,

the County Council has been called into session on or before May 25, 2020 to consider a resolution consenting to the continuation of the state of emergency, as required by §14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and § 3-1-503(d) of the Baltimore County Code (2015); now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the State of Emergency declared by the County Executive shall continue for forty-five (45) days from May 25, 2020 or until the County Executive declares the end of the State of Emergency, whichever occurs first; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be promptly filed with the with the chief local records-keeping agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage by the County Council.