

ARLINGTON SELECT BOARD



TOWN OF ARLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus (also known as “coronavirus”), is a novel, acute respiratory disease, which poses an immediate public health risk and has been deemed a pandemic by the World Health Organization as of March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts declared a State of Emergency throughout the Commonwealth, directing the agencies of the State government among other measures, take appropriate actions to mitigate transmission of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a “National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease” and authorized and directed the agencies of the Federal Government to take appropriate actions; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease, and as of March 18, 2020, there have been five (5) confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection within the Town of Arlington; and

WHEREAS, the Select Board of the Town of Arlington, upon the advice of the Town Manager, Director of Health and Human Services, and other advisors, has determined that COVID-19 poses a present, reasonable and imminent danger to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of Arlington and/or their property such that it has become necessary for the Town Manager, with such assistance and staff as he deems necessary, to utilize and coordinate the services, equipment, supplies, and facilities of existing departments, offices, and agencies or the community, both locally, regionally, statewide and nationally, if necessary, including the taking of ordinary and extraordinary actions for the purposes of emergency management and emergency functions to protect the public;

NOW THEREFORE, the Select Board of the Town of Arlington, Massachusetts, pursuant to powers conferred under c. 639 of the Acts of 1950 (the “Civil Defense Act”) hereby declares that as of **March 23, 2020** a State of Emergency is declared to exist in the Town of Arlington; and authorizes and directs to full extent permitted and required under the Arlington Town Manager Act and the General Laws of the Commonwealth, the Town Manager, and all Town personnel and agents to take action appropriate to respond to this emergency, and ratifies, confirms and adopts any related action taken prior to the formal adoption of this Declaration. This Declaration of Emergency shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Town Manager’s judgment that the State of Emergency no longer exists.

Diane M. Mahon, Chair

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