

**CITY OF PEABODY, MASSACHUSETTS, BOARD OF HEALTH
DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, a sudden, generally unexpected occurrence of circumstances demanding public action has arisen within the world, country, state and City of Peabody due to the coronavirus pandemic and other illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency due to this situation and has directed the agencies of the national government to take appropriate actions; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and declared and has directed the agencies of the state government to take appropriate actions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Peabody has declared a state of Emergency in the City of Peabody and has directed all agencies and departments in the City of Peabody to take appropriate actions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Peabody, Massachusetts, upon advice from advisors, or their designees, has determined that the situation poses a present, reasonable and imminent danger to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of Peabody or their property so that it has become necessary for the Mayor, which 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; and

WHEREAS, a Declaration of Emergency and immediate action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of commonwealth and/or property which may otherwise result from the above described situation; and

WHEREAS, the people of the community of Peabody should be able to depend upon guidance from their Chief Municipal Officials;

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Peabody Board of Health, hereby declares that as of **March 20, 2020** a Public Health Emergency is declared to exist by the Board of Health and authorizes and directs, under the direction of the Mayor, all City personnel and agents to take action appropriate to respond to this situation and ratifies, confirms and adopts any related action taken prior to the formal adoption of this Declaration. It is hereby further ordered that Sharon Cameron as Public Health Director shall serve as the agent of the Board of Health to effectuate the intent of this Order. This Declaration of a Public Health Emergency shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Board of Health's judgment, that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists.

Bernard Horowitz, Chairman

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Thomas Durkin