

RESOLUTION R-2020-12

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE EFFECT OF THE COVID-19 STRAIN OF THE CORONAVIRUS ON THE VILLAGE OF WINDHAM AND SUSPENDING ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE WINDHAM CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, as the result of the Coronavirus Pandemic the Windham Village Council concurred with national and state leaders and declared a State of Emergency in the Village by the passage of Resolution 2020-5 on April 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as the result of the highly contagious nature of the Covid -19 virus this Council has determined to suspend specific provisions of the Windham Codified Ordinances, which suspension is intended to protect both citizens and employees of the Village of Windham..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Windham, County of Portage, State of Ohio, two thirds or more of its members thereto concurring that:

SECTION 1. Those provisions of Section 1341.08 of the Windham Codified Ordinances which require the Village Housing Inspector to inspect the interior of residential rental units within the Village prior to issuing a Residential Housing License are hereby suspended. All other portions of Section 1341.08 remain in full force and effect, including but not limited to the inspection requirements applicable to the exterior of the residential rental units prior to being issued a license. The suspension of interior inspections set forth in this provision shall remain in effect until such time as the United States, the State of Ohio and the Village of Windham all declare the end of the State of Emergency.

SECTION 2. Although the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has revised her statewide order prohibiting shut off of water and sanitary sewer service to non-paying customers effective July 10, 2020, this Council hereby suspends the portions of Chapters 921, 923 and 927 of the Village of Windham Codified Ordinances which require shut off for non-payment until December 1, 2020. The suspension of shutoff of service is conditioned on the water and/or sewer customer's payment in full of the water and sanitary sewer bills for the current month. As of December 1, 2020, the suspension set forth in this Section 2 is lifted, at which time the Village Administration is directed to reinstitute the shut off for non-payment procedures set forth in the Village Codified Ordinances.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure, effective immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor and necessary to preserve the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the citizens of the Village of Windham, and for the further reason that the Village of Windham needs to maintain municipal services and operations addressing the public health concerns arising from the presence of the highly contagious COVID-19 strain of the coronavirus.

PASSED BY COUNCIL on first reading this 21th day of July, 2020.

Vote of Council: Ayes: 6
 Nays: 0



Mayor Scott Garrett

ATTEST: