

*Village of Crooksville,  
Perry County, Ohio*

ORDINANCE NO: # 2674

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO  
TAKE CERTAIN EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH  
EMERGENCY AND IN AID OF THE OHIO GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-01D AND  
ALL APPLICABLE ORDERS OF THE OHIO DIRECTOR OF HEALTH**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that was not previously identified in humans and can easily be spread from person to person; is spread between individuals who are in close proximity to each other (within about six feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and may possibly be contracted by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching the mouth, nose or eyes; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control list over 174 countries and all 50 U.S. states plus 5 U.S. territories with confirmed cases of COVID-19, with over 2,314,621 diagnosed cases worldwide and 746,625 diagnosed cases in the United States, and at least 157,847 deaths worldwide and at least 39,083 deaths in the United States and U.S. Territories; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, since March 9, 2020, at least 12,516 people have tested positive for COVID-19 in the State of Ohio, and 491 have died, creating a potentially dangerous condition which may affect the health, safety and welfare of all Ohio citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency activated the Emergency Operations Center; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01 D, declaring a State of Emergency regarding COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the head of the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code §5502.28 authorizes the Governor to utilize the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of political subdivisions and requires the officers and personnel of political subdivisions to cooperate with and extend such services, equipment, supplies and facilities to execute and enforce any emergency management orders and rules; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to its Home Rule Authority under Article XVIII, §3 of the Ohio Constitution, the Village of Crooksville has authority to make rules for the general welfare, public safety and health of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF CROOKSVILLE, COUNTY OF PERRY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

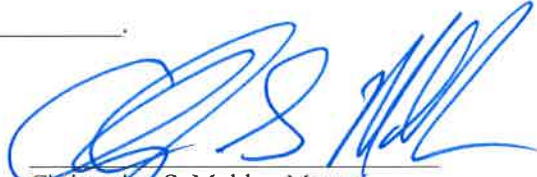
**Section 1.** The Village Administrator is hereby authorized to take certain extraordinary measures in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and in aid of the Governor's Executive Order 2020-01 D and applicable orders of the Ohio Director of Health, including:

- a. Limiting public access to Village of Crooksville facilities such as Village Hall, public utilities operations, the service department, the police department, and the fire and ems department;
- b. Postponing or canceling public meetings such as Village Council, public forums and the like;
- c. In the alternative to postponement or cancellation, taking steps to livestream or otherwise broadcast public meetings;
- d. Implementing alternative work schedules for Village employees, including remote work schedules where feasible; and
- e. Such other extraordinary measures, with the advice and written consent of not less than four (4) Council members, as may be necessary during the course of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**Section 2.** This ordinance is hereby declared an emergency and shall take effect and be in full force immediately. It shall remain in effect until the COVID-19 public health emergency no longer exists, such time to be determined by the Ohio Director of Health and the Executive Director of the Emergency Management Agency in consultation with the Governor.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Waived/Suspended on 3/4 Vote ;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Waived/Suspended on 3/4 Vote ;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: Passed on 2/3 Vote April 20, 2020 .

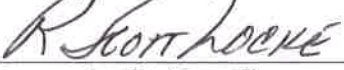
Passed: April 20, 2020 .

  
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Christopher S. Mohler, Mayor

ATTESTED:

  
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Marilyn Horner, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED:

  
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Bill Hampton, Council

**Posting Certification**

This ordinance was posted at the five prescribed locations within the Village of Crooksville, Ohio, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2020.

  
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Marilyn Horner, Fiscal Officer