

## **DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF TORRINGTON, CONNECTICUT**

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to combat the coronavirus that is currently infecting the population of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects the transmission of COVID-19 has resulted in the spread of infections in Connecticut and throughout the country, as well as resulting in shortages of personal protective equipment and other supplies that could jeopardize public safety and civil preparedness; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the issuance of declarations of a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency by the Governor of this State, and a national emergency by the President of the United States, and the spread of COVID-19 to an unknown number of Connecticut residents as a result of the global pandemic, the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Torrington, its Mayor, hereby finds that a local state of emergency now exists in the City of Torrington; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the significant danger to public health posed by the spread of COVID-19 and possible shortages of supplies and equipment necessary to protect the public health and safety, the Mayor of the City of Torrington must take action for the purpose of ensuring civil preparedness and mitigating the effects of this public health emergency situation upon the residents of the City of Torrington.

**WHEREAS**, it is critically important that the Chief Executive Officer have all authorities necessary to limit the spread of the COVID-19 and protect public health and safety within the City of Torrington; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the declaration of a local state of emergency by the Chief Executive Officer, the City Charter authorizes the Mayor to obligate the City in an amount of money necessary to cope with such emergency, and to do whatever she may deem necessary for the purpose of meeting the emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22a, Section 18-1 thru 18-3 et. seq. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Torrington, it is hereby declared that a state of local emergency now exists in the City of Torrington; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED**, that during the existence of said emergency, the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Torrington, Connecticut, its Mayor, Elinor Carbone, shall assume the powers, functions and duties prescribed and provided by law, including but not limited to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22a, §18-1 and 18-3 et seq. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Torrington, and may take such action as necessary to protect the public health and mitigate this emergency; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED**, that this state of emergency shall remain in effect until declared terminated; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that this order shall be available for review and inspection in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Torrington, during regular business hours and shall be posted on the City website.

**Dated:** March 19, 2020

*Elinor Carbone*

Elinor Carbone  
Chief Executive Officer

**Attested:** *Carol Anderson*  
Carol Anderson  
City Clerk

