

RESOLUTION NO. 26 of 2006

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT JOY, ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR THE PROCEDURES FOR A DECLARATION OF A STORM EMERGENCY AND THE PUBLICATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Joy, Adams County, Pennsylvania ("Township") periodically experiences snow, sleet, freezing rain, and/or wind storms ("Storm");

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Storms, either alone or in combination, can cause streets and roads in the Township to become hazardous, partially impassable, or fully impassable;

WHEREAS, the hazardous effect of such storms can block or impede the ability of emergency services vehicles and equipment, food deliveries, fuel deliveries, and other items related to the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Township from being delivered or provided;

WHEREAS, said storms do not respect the normal work day or work week of the Township's employees and agents who are responsible for keeping the Township's streets and roadways open for the safe and convenient travelling of the public;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Mount Joy Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, by the power vested in it pursuant to Chapter 75 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Act (*see*, Pa.C.S. §7501), that the following procedures are available for use in the Township upon the occurrence of a Storm:

1. Declaration of an Emergency. Upon the occurrence of a Storm that is deemed to endanger the health, safety and/or welfare of inhabitants of the Township, the following (listed in the order of priority) may declare a Storm Emergency:

- a. the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors;
- b. in the absence or other unavailability of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors; or
- c. in the absence or other unavailability of the Vice-Chairman, the Road Superintendent of the Township.

2. Publication of Declaration. Upon the declaration of a Storm emergency, as provided in 1. above, the declaration shall be provided to a local radio station that normally broadcasts in the area of the Township, and to the newsroom of a newspaper of general circulation in the Township. The declaration shall also be placed upon the Township's internet site if there is Township staff able to appear at the Township Building to place such a notice, or able to place such a notice from a remote location.

3. Powers During a Storm Emergency. Without in any way limiting any other powers possessed by the Township during an emergency, the Township shall have the following powers during a Storm emergency:

a. to authorize and direct Township employees and agents to perform work, including the operation of commercial vehicles, beyond the limits normally imposed or permitted by those operating such vehicles;

b. to close, or restrict the type of vehicles using a Township road or street, or to alter the manner in which a Township road or street may be used (such as making it one-way only, or restricting it to emergency vehicles, or allowing only 4-wheel or all-wheel drive vehicles only, etc.); and,

c. to authorize the use of vehicles on Township streets and roads not normally permitted to do so, such a snow mobiles, tractors, over-weight vehicles, etc.

4. Duration of Declaration; Board Consent to Extension. Unless permitted for a longer period by statute, the Declaration as provided in section 1. above shall not continue for a period in excess of seven (7) days without the consent of a majority of the Board of Supervisors. Such consent may be obtained by telephone or other means of communication that does not require the attendance in person of the Board members, and may be obtained without compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

ADOPTED this 21st day of December, 2006.

MOUNT JOY TOWNSHIP

Attest:

Brenda J. Costabile
Its Secretary

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Its Chairman
William J. Chantler
Harold J. Kirschner
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