



Mayoral Proclamation and Executive Orders Amended February 1, 2021

Whereas: The COVID-19 global pandemic has necessitated special consideration of public health guidelines, resulting in the need for flexibility and quick action relating to public health and related business regulations; and

Whereas: In the event of a "... disaster affecting life and property and which substantially impairs the functioning of the City government and its ability to protect the lives and property of the people," the Mayor is authorized to proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency in the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENJAMIN J. KESSLER, Mayor of the City of Bexley, by the authority vested in me by the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bexley, including Section 648.09 (Mayor's Emergency Powers), and consistent with Section 660.02 (Spreading Contagion), do hereby find and proclaim that the threat of a COVID-19 outbreak in the City of Bexley constitutes a State of Emergency, beginning March 15, 2020. Pursuant to this amended proclamation, I hereby issue the following executive orders:

Section 1. Enforcement of state and federal orders.

All state and federal orders relating to the containment of COVID-19 contagion shall be enforceable via Section 648.09 and Section 660.02.

Section 2. Order Regarding Temporary Signage at Commercially Zoned Properties.

Restrictions on temporary signage at commercially zoned properties are hereby lifted for the duration of this order.

Section 3. Temporary Expansion of Restaurant Patios

In order to accommodate safe distancing at restaurant patios, restaurants may apply for administrative approval for temporary expansion of patio space through the Building Department.

Section 4. Order Regarding Temporary Facilities for COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination

In order to accommodate for rapid deployment of COVID-19 testing and vaccination, businesses and institutions wishing to establish temporary facilities related to COVID-19 testing and vaccination may apply for administrative approval of applicable temporary facilities.

Section 5. Order Regarding Basketball Courts

Basketball courts which are otherwise open to the public shall be closed off to the public, with signage on premises indicating that the facility is closed per public health orders.

Section 6. Order Regarding Block Party permits

Block party permits are suspended, in light of the Governor’s orders and guidance regarding gatherings, and pending further guidance from state and local health authorities.

Section 7. Prohibition Against Refusing Service on the Basis of Face Coverings

Owners and operators of places of public accommodation may not require the removal of face coverings or masks in public spaces.

Section 8. Duration of orders.

This proclamation shall be in full force and effect until May 1, 2021, and may be modified or extended at any time if public health conditions warrant.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Bexley, Ohio, to be hereto affixed this 1st day of February, 2021.



Mayor Benjamin J. Kessler