



DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about November 1, 2024, and pursuant to Chapter 94-4.e., of the Middle Smithfield Township General Code, based on atmospheric and dry conditions and other local circumstances that increase the potential for and danger from wildfires, and further pursuant to the recommendation of the Middle Smithfield Township Emergency Management Coordinator, the risk of wildfires has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Middle Smithfield Township and therefore a disaster emergency is hereby declared; and

WHEREAS, the wildfire disaster emergency has endangered the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Middle Smithfield Township and threatens to create problems greater in scope that Middle Smithfield Township may be able to resolve, and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of such wildfire disaster emergencies and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in Middle Smithfield Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors of Middle Smithfield Township, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501), as amended, does hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Middle Smithfield Township due to the high probability of wildfires from the current atmospheric and dry conditions.

FURTHER, it is hereby directed that the Middle Smithfield Township Emergency Management Coordinator shall and may coordinate the activities of emergency response, to take all appropriate actions needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster emergency, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency responses action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

FURTHER, it is hereby also directed and declared that there shall be a fire ban within Middle Smithfield Township for a period not to exceed seven (7) days from the date of this Declaration, or until the next public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Middle Smithfield Township, whichever first occurs, and there shall be no campfires or other intended and/or voluntary fires permitted within the Township during this fire ban and declaration of a disaster emergency.

STILL FURTHER, officials of Middle Smithfield Township are hereby authorized to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, and the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally, prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

THIS DECLARATION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE SEVEN (7) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS DECLARATION UNLESS OTHERWISE EXTENDED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT ITS NEXT PUBLIC MEETING.

Middle Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Annette Atkinson", written over a horizontal line.

Annette Atkinson, Chairperson

Date 11/1/2024