

**VILLAGE OF BETHEL, OHIO  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**ORDER SUPPORTING THE “STAY AND HOME” ORDER ISSUED BY THE  
DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND IMPLEMENTING  
ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL**

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Ohio, Michael DeWine, declared a State of Emergency (Executive Order 2020-01D) in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) across the United States of America and the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Council of the Village of Bethel passed Resolution No. 1045, declaring a State of Emergency in the Village of Bethel Due to the Coronavirus Disease Outbreak; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Amy Acton, MD, MPH, Director of the Ohio Department of Health, pursuant to the authority granted to her under Section 3701.13 to “make special orders...for the spread of contagious or infectious diseases” has issued a series of orders in order to reduce and contain the spread of the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, Dr. Acton, issued a “Stay at Home Order” to avoid an imminent threat with a high probability of widespread exposure to COVID-19 with a significant risk of substantial harm to a large number of people in the general population, including the elderly and people with weakened immune systems and chronic medical conditions, requiring all persons to stay at home or at their place of residence unless they are engaged in Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses and Operations, as described in the Order; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, Dr. Acton amended the “Stay at Home Order” to extend its duration through May 1, 2020, unless the Order is rescinded or modified at a sooner date and time, and implement additional restrictions under the Stay at Home Order; and

WHEREAS, Any person who violates the “Stay at Home Order” is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, which can include a fine of not more than \$750.00 or not more than 90 days in jail; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Bethel supports the “Stay at Home Order” and believes that strict adherence with the Order is required by its citizens to limit the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, in order to further curtail the spread of COVID-19 in the Village of Bethel, additional restrictions are necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Noble, Mayor of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, as a result of the above-noted conditions, and pursuant to the authority provided by law and set forth in Resolution 1045 do hereby support the "Stay at Home Order," as amended, and find it necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizen of the Village of Bethel and do Proclaim and Order the following additional restrictions within the Village of Bethel:

1. A Public Safety Curfew ("Curfew") prohibiting pedestrians walking upon the streets, sidewalks, or other public places in the Village is imposed in the Village of Bethel as follows:
  - a. Minors. No person under the age of 18 shall be a pedestrian on the public streets, sidewalks, or other public places in the Village for any purpose between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
  - b. Adults. No person 18 years of age and older shall be a pedestrian on the public streets, sidewalks, or other public places in the Village for any purpose between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
2. This Order does not apply to persons (1) going or coming from lawful employment as an Essential Employee at an Essential Business, as those terms are defined in the "Stay at Home Order," (2) a religious service or religious function, or (3) attending or responding to an emergency situation requiring them to be there. Any person engaging in such activities during the applicable Curfew time periods must be able to demonstrate affirmatively that they are not subject to the Order.
3. The Curfew does not apply to motorists, however, nothing in this Order shall be construed to conflict with or contradict the "Stay at Home Order," which shall be enforced by law enforcement.
4. Duration. This Order shall become effective at 8:30 p.m. on April 3, 2020 and remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2020, unless rescinded or modified at an earlier time by the Mayor.
5. Whoever violates this Order is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2020.

By:

  
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Mayor Jay Noble