

**ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF COATESVILLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTIVE MUNICIPAL RESPONSE TO RECENT ARSON FIRES**

WHEREAS, the City of Coatesville is a Third Class City governed by a Home Rule Charter and the Third Class City Code with a business address of One City Hall Place, Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania (hereinafter the "City"); and

WHEREAS, the City's code under Chapter 19 empowers the President of City Council to declare a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has requested the President of City Council to declare a state of emergency in accordance with Section 19-1 of the Code, in order to respond effectively to recent arson fires in the City which have threatened the safety and welfare of all City residents and the ongoing threat and peril to their lives and real and personal property.

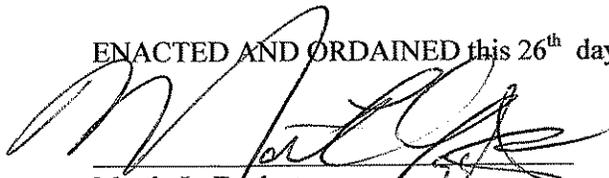
NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby enacted and set forth that a state of emergency is declared in the City of Coatesville for the purpose of protecting the City from arson and related offenses and allowing an effective municipal response to threat of arson and related offenses in the City.

AND FURTHER, it is hereby enacted that the City Manager or a designated representative shall have all powers related to emergency management during the declared state of emergency as set forth in Section 19-2 of the City Code.

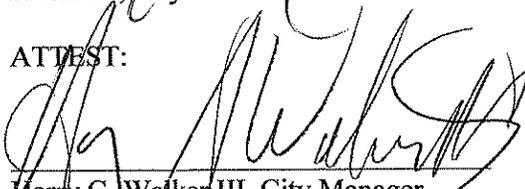
AND FURTHER, that the Emergency Response Team designated in Section 19-3 of the City Code shall have all powers and exercise all responsibilities during the state of emergency declared herein to take all actions and measures necessary and appropriate to respond to the state of emergency, as set forth in Section 19-3 and 19-4 of the City Code.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately in accordance with the provisions of Section 2-309 of the Coatesville Home Rule Charter. In accordance with Section 2-309, City Council directs that this Ordinance be advertised as soon as possible.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009.

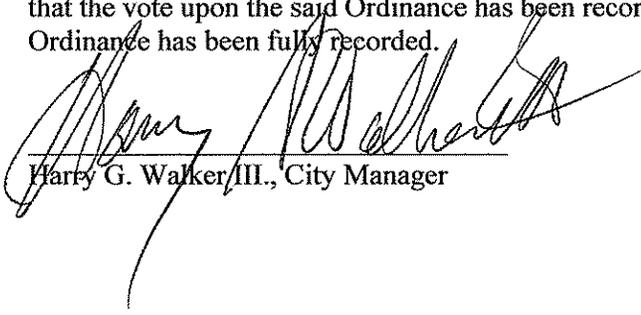
  
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Martin L. Eggleston  
President, City Council

ATTEST:

  
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Harry G. Walker III, City Manager

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009 and was duly enacted by the Council of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, on said date, that the vote upon the said Ordinance has been recorded in the Minutes of the City Council and that the Ordinance has been fully recorded.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry G. Walker III", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and extends above and below the line.

Harry G. Walker III., City Manager