



**Public Declaration of Emergency from Mayor Frank Porco
regarding Severe Storm Impact and post Storm Clean up.**

**BOROUGH OF FOREST HILLS
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
April 29, 2025**

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2025, the Borough of Forest Hills, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, experienced significant damage caused by severe weather resulting in widespread falling trees, downed power lines, and hazardous debris throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, this damage has created dangerous conditions on public roadways, sidewalks, and in residential areas, and poses a continuing risk to the health and safety of Borough residents; and

WHEREAS, downed power lines are present throughout Forest Hills and may be energized at any time, posing extreme danger to the public; and

WHEREAS, traffic on Ardmore Boulevard, otherwise known as PA State Route 30 has been negatively impacted by traffic light outage making travel dangerous in both eastbound and westbound directions and at intersections ; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Hills Police Department, Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Department, and Forest Hills Department of Public Works are actively working together to respond to the emergency, clear blocked roads, and remove hazardous debris;

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of effected

residents of Forest Hills Borough,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank Porco, Mayor of the Borough of Forest Hills pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 Pa. C.S. Section 7501), as amended do hereby proclaim a **State of Emergency** in the Borough of Forest Hills effective immediately on this 29th day of April, 2025.

FURTHER, I, Frank Porco, Mayor of the Borough of Forest Hills direct the Forest Hills Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

FURTHER, I, Frank Porco, Mayor of the Borough of Forest Hills declare Forest Hills Borough Residents are advised to **limit all travel to essential purposes only** until further notice. The public is further warned to **stay away from all downed power lines**, as they may become energized without warning and are extremely dangerous.

FURTHER, for this reason, I, Frank Porco, Mayor of the Borough of Forest Hills, authorize the officials of Forest Hills Borough to act as necessary to meet the current demands of this emergency, namely the employment of temporary workers, by 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, such that, to the extent required, normal time-consuming procurement procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, are waived for those products and services that are found to be necessary; bids may be solicited by telephone or other means from known suppliers, as is practical under the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this Declaration of Emergency shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed seven (7) days or until such

time as the Declaration is terminated in writing by the Mayor of Forest Hills or rescinded by Forest Hills Borough Council.

This Declaration is made to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our residents and to allow the Borough to access any and all necessary resources to address this emergency situation.

Please remain patient and vigilant. Power will be restored. In the meantime, continue to monitor official Borough communication channels for updates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Borough of Forest Hills to be affixed this 29th day of April, 2025.


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Porco", is written over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or seal.

Frank Porco
Mayor, Borough of Forest Hills
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania