EAST WASHINGTON BOROUGH WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Date: June 23, 2025

Subject: Emergency Infrastructure Failure - 417 East Wheeling Street

WHEREAS, East Washington Borough has been made aware of a critical infrastructure failure located at 417 East Wheeling Street, involving a broken underground pipe and an active sinkhole; and

WHEREAS, this sinkhole continues to expand and presents a significant threat to safety, surrounding properties, and critical Borough infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the damaged pipe feeds into a tributary of Catfish Creek, thereby posing a potential threat to the environment and the Borough's waterway system; and

WHEREAS, immediate emergency action is necessary to stabilize the area, repair the damage, and prevent further harm to life, property, and the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in East Washington Borough by applicable municipal and emergency management codes, it is hereby declared that:

- 1. A local emergency exists as of June 23, 2025, at the site of 417 East Wheeling Street due to the active sinkhole and broken pipe.
- 2. Emergency repairs and mitigation efforts are authorized to commence immediately.
- 3. Standard bidding procedures are hereby suspended in accordance with emergency procurement protocols.
- 4. Borough officials, staff, engineers, and authorized contractors are empowered to take all necessary measures to resolve this emergency and mitigate further risk.
- 5. This declaration shall remain in effect until such time as the emergency conditions have been fully addressed and the Borough Council or appropriate official declares it lifted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of June, 2025.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Alyssa Curry-Broderick

Office Administrator