

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY  
CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK  
MARCH ~~13~~<sup>14</sup>, 2020**

I, Mayor Nancy R. Rotering, do hereby issue this Declaration of Emergency for the City of Highland Park, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 ("*Declaration*").

Introduction

The United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the World Health Organization (WHO) have each determined that the SARS-CoV-2 virus causes the COVID-19 respiratory disease. The SARS-CoV-2 virus is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and is easily spread from person to person. The COVID-19 disease can result in serious illness and death.

Dozens of confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been identified in the State of Illinois; to date, all of the cases in Illinois are in the greater Chicagoland area. On January 31, 2020, the Secretary of HHS declared a public health emergency for the entire United States of America concerning COVID-19. On March 9, 2020, Governor Pritzker issued a disaster proclamation concerning the spread of COVID-19 in Illinois. On March 11, 2020, WHO declared that the spread of COVID-19 is a global pandemic. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has now confirmed localized community person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 in Illinois, significantly increasing the risk of exposure and infection to Illinois' general public and creating an extreme public health risk in the City and throughout the State. As has been experienced in other locales in the United States and around the world, the SARS-CoV-2 virus has the potential to infect large numbers of people in a short amount of time, placing extreme burdens on the health care system and the economy.

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the City, and to protect the residents of the City from disease and death, I find that it is necessary to issue this Declaration to implement emergency regulations and orders, all as set forth in this Declaration.

Statement of Authority

This Declaration is issued pursuant to the authority granted to me by: Section 92.105 of "The Highland Park Code of 1968," as amended; Section 11-1-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6; and Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11.

Declaration

I hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in the City of Highland Park, for the reasons set forth in this Declaration.

Emergency Regulations and Orders

I hereby direct and order as follows:

1. *Emergency Purchasing.* I order that the City may enter into contracts for the emergency purchase of goods and services that may be necessary for the preparation for, response

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to, and recovery from, the COVID-19 pandemic. The Mayor and the City Manager are hereby authorized to execute such contracts in accordance with applicable law.

2. *Emergency Staffing.* This Declaration constitutes a declaration of civil emergency under the City's collective bargaining agreements. Accordingly, I direct the City Manager to implement such emergency staffing protocols and procedures as may be necessary for the preservation of public health and safety, and for the preservation of the health of City employees. Specifically, and without limitation of the foregoing, the City Manager is authorized to implement alternative staffing protocols, procedures, and shifts for the City Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments.
  
3. *Cooperation with Other Government Agencies.* I direct all City officials and employees to take all practicable steps to coordinate the City's resources and emergency operations with the State of Illinois, the County of Lake, and other local governments in and around the City, to best utilize resources of all agencies in the area for the preparation for, response to, and recovery from, the COVID-19 pandemic.

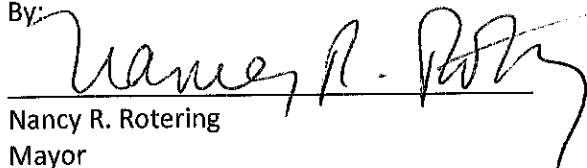
Pursuant to the authority vested in me pursuant to Section 92.110 of the City Code, I reserve the right to issue additional emergency regulations and orders in furtherance of this Declaration. Notice of any additional regulations and orders will be provided to the City Clerk, posted on the City website, and otherwise provided to the general public as quickly as practicable.

Effective Date and Period of Emergency

This Declaration shall take effect immediately, and shall expire automatically upon the first to occur of: (i) the adjournment of the next regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities of the City; and (ii) 11:59 p.m. on the date that is seven days after the date of this Declaration; provided, however, that corporate authorities, in their discretion, may extend the duration of this Declaration by a majority vote at any regular, special, or emergency meeting of the corporate authorities.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the City of Highland Park on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

By:



Nancy R. Rotering  
Mayor  
City of Highland Park

