

CITY OF WHEATON
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
MARCH 23, 2020

State of Illinois
County of DuPage
City of Wheaton

Pursuant to the authority vested in the office of the Mayor by the Illinois Municipal Code Section 5/11-1-6, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act Section 330/5/11, and Chapter 2, Article III, Offices, Section 2; Mayor, Section 2-127, et seq. of the City Code, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Wheaton hereby declares that a Local State of Emergency exists as of this date, March 23, 2020, and shall continue until such time as provided in Chapter 2, Article III, Section 2-127 of the City Code. As Mayor, having been duly sworn, I hereby declare that the following recitations constitute the basis for this declaration.

In late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emerged. COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions. Despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control indicate that it is expected to spread; and

As a result of the potential impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on the State of Illinois, Illinois Governor Pritzker declared all counties of the State of Illinois as a disaster area on March 9, 2020 and activated the State Emergency Operations Center; and

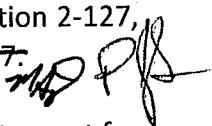
On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a public health emergency of international concern and declared a worldwide pandemic; and

On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared the COVID-19 pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia; and

Competent epidemiologists recommend that local authorities participate in strategies directed at reducing the potential impact of COVID-19; and

Based on the declared pandemic by the WHO and the declarations of public emergency by the federal government and the State of Illinois, I hereby find that it is necessary that the City of Wheaton undertake lawful, necessary and appropriate actions to protect the public's health in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

During the existence of the Local State of Emergency, I shall execute such authority as provided under the Illinois Municipal Code, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, and Chapter 2 Article III, Section 2 of the City Code and am hereby authorized to:

Take any and all actions that are necessary and appropriate to carry out the mission of the City and protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of all City employees and the community including, but not limited to, (a) the procurement of, and payment for, services, supplies, equipment, or material without regard to statutory procedures or formalities normally prescribed by law pertaining to City contracts or obligations (b) manage and direct City employees in a manner that effectively provides municipal services to resident and business owners in the community, and (c) undertake any additional actions authorized by: State statute, Chapter 2 , Article III, Section 2-127, et seq. of the City Code, and Governor Pritzker's Executive Orders 2020-07, 

I, have signed this Declaration willingly, execute it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed.



Philip J. Suess, Mayor
City of Wheaton

ATTEST:



Michael G. Dzigan, City Manager