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## MEQUON MAYOR DECLARES PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

The City of Mequon, in coordination with the Washington/Ozaukee Public Health Department as well as other state and federal agencies, is closely monitoring the recent increase in respiratory illnesses caused by a new Coronavirus (COVID-19). Based on current conditions, the City, by authority of Mayor John M. Wirth, is taking the proactive step of issuing a Proclamation Declaring a Public Health Emergency in response to COVID-19.

The proclamation provides the City with the ability to act in the best interests of the community as the emergency evolves over the coming months. More specifically, this measure authorizes the establishment of an Ad Hoc Emergency Management Committee comprised of local administrative, public safety and healthcare professionals, provides for flexibility in the management of City operations to best serve the community, and enables the City to become eligible for the recovery of certain costs that may be incurred in response to this emergency.

The proclamation will remain in effect through September 15, 2020, to allow the City to respond longer-term if such measures are needed, based on the evolving nature of COVID-19. The proclamation will be rescinded earlier if it is no longer needed. A copy of the signed proclamation is attached.

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