

PROCLAMATION DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

I, John M. Wirth, as Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of the City of Mequon, make the following Proclamation in consideration of the following:

A. COVID-19, a novel strain of coronavirus, was detected in December of 2019 and has subsequently spread throughout numerous countries and the United States, including Wisconsin.

B. International organizations and the federal, state and local governments are all working together to contain COVID-19.

C. Citing the World Health Organization's declaration of a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services declaration of a Public Health Emergency, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin has proclaimed that a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Wisconsin, by Executive Order #72 on March 12, 2020.

D. The City of Mequon has been working to protect the community from the spread of this disease and to prepare for its impacts.

E. In order to protect the health and well-being of residents and visitors, while being ever-mindful of the constitutional rights of all persons, it is appropriate for the City of Mequon to avail itself of all proper resources needed to respond to, contain and assist in the eradication of COVID-19.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 323.11 and 323.14(4)(b) and Sections 26-24 and 26-26 of the Mequon Code of Ordinances (the "Code"), I proclaim as follows:

1. I find that there is a Public Health Emergency as defined in Wisconsin Statutes Section 323.02(16). Specifically, there is threat of an illness or health condition that appears to be caused by a novel biological agent that poses a high probability of widespread exposure and that creates a significant risk of substantial future harm to a large number of people.

2. I further find that the Public Health Emergency constitutes a Disaster as defined in Wisconsin Statutes Section 323.02(6). Specifically, the public health emergency is a severe or prolonged natural occurrence that threatens or negatively impacts life, health, property, infrastructure, the environment, the security of the City or critical systems. As a Disaster, it is appropriate for the City of Mequon to implement its authority, and the City of Mequon does by this Proclamation implement such authority, under Wisconsin Statutes Section 323.11 due to its

potential to impair transportation, food or fuel supplies, medical care, fire, health or police protection or other critical systems of the City of Mequon.

3. The emergency management ordinances contained in the Code, Article II of Chapter 26, are incorporated in this Proclamation.

4. The powers, functions and duties of the emergency management organization of the City of Mequon shall be those provided by state law, the Code, resolutions and ordinances adopted by the Common Council and the City of Mequon Emergency Management Plan. Such powers shall be exercised in a manner consistent with the constitutional rights of all persons.

5. Pursuant to Sections 26-23(a) and 26-24 of the Code, I appoint William Jones, Mequon City Administrator, as Director of Emergency Management. Pursuant to Section 26-22(a), the Director of Emergency Management shall be the Executive Director for Emergency Responses. The Director of Emergency Management shall be the “head of emergency management services” as specified in Wisconsin Statutes Section 323.14(1)(b)2.

6. I appoint Justin Schoenemann, Mequon Assistant City Administrator, as Chief Information Officer. Public statements on behalf of the City shall be made by either the Chief Information Officer or the mayor.

7. Pursuant to Section 26-22 of the Code, I as mayor am the chair of the City of Mequon Emergency Management. As chair, and pursuant to that section of the Code, I will appoint an *ad hoc* Emergency Management Committees over the next couple of days. The City’s *ad hoc* Emergency Management Committee shall advise the mayor, the Common Council and the Director of Emergency Management in planning for the City’s response to the Public Health Emergency and execution of the City of Mequon Emergency Management Plan. The mayor may add or replace members as necessary. The committee may meet electronically as determined by the chair.

8. The Director of Emergency Management shall (a) implement the City of Mequon Emergency Management Plan and all lawful orders consistent with such plan and additional policies, if any, adopted by the Common Council, (b) coordinate the City’s response to the Public Health Emergency and (c) coordinate with county and state emergency management personnel as required by law. The Director of Emergency Management shall regularly consult with the City’s *ad hoc* Emergency Management Committee and keep that committee informed of the City’s response. Additionally, the Director of Emergency Management shall provide regular updates to the Common Council.

9. All City of Mequon departments shall work cooperatively with internal and external stakeholders and take all necessary and appropriate lawful measures to prevent and respond to incidents of COVID-19 in the community. Such measures shall be consistent with the City of Mequon Emergency Management Plan and all lawful orders consistent with such plan and

additional policies, if any, adopted by the Common Council. To the extent of any confusion regarding such responsibilities, the department head of each department shall consult with and follow the direction of the Director of Emergency Management.

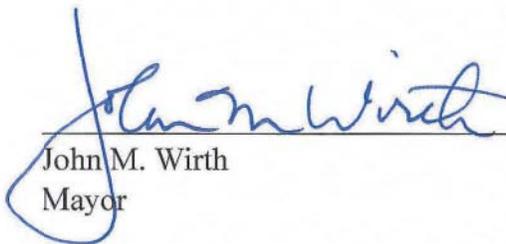
10. Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 323.11, the period of the declared Public Health Emergency shall be limited to the time during which the emergency conditions exist or are likely to exist. That time is currently unknown. Accordingly, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 323.11 this Declaration shall automatically expire as of September 15, 2020 unless:

(a) This Declaration is extended by a subsequent declaration by the mayor or person in charge pursuant to the order of succession in the Code or the period of Public Health Emergency is extended by the Common Council, or

(b) This Declaration is terminated, which shall occur upon the earlier of (i) a declaration by the mayor or person in charge pursuant to the order of succession in the Code that the Public Health Emergency has ended or (ii) a resolution terminating this Declaration passed by the Common Council by resolution.

11. Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 323.14(4)(b), this Proclamation is subject to ratification, alteration, modification or repeal by the Common Council at its next meeting, which shall occur as soon as the Common Council can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the Common Council shall not affect the prior validity of this Proclamation.

Dated as of March 16, 2020.



John M. Wirth
Mayor