



Resolution 2020-06

RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF MILTON IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus was discovered to cause a respiratory disease now known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been discovered to be highly contagious and capable of causing severe adverse health consequences, including hospitalization and death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has spread throughout numerous countries including the United States and numerous cases have been discovered in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of international Concern; on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency; and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers declared the existence of a public health emergency with regard to the COVID-19 outbreak, pursuant to section 323.02(16) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, and particularly in proximity to the City of Milton, constitutes a condition in the City posing an imminent threat of a disaster within the meaning of Chapter 323 of the Wisconsin Statutes that impairs medical care; protection of health, and other critical systems of Rock County; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons within the City of Milton, that reasonable and prudent steps be taken to treat those infected with COVID-19 and to prevent, limit, and contain the potential community transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, declaring a local state of emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect persons from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19 while ensuring the continuity of critical operations of the City of Milton.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILTON that pursuant to sections 323.11 and 323.14(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes and sections 22-31 through 22-36 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milton; in light of the imminent threat to the provision of medical care and public health that is posed by COVID-19; to protect public peace, health, and safety; and to preserve lives and property, economic stability; and insure cooperation and coordination, that a local state of emergency now exists within the City of Milton and shall be effective this date until the emergency conditions no longer exist as determined by the mayor, or until modified by further proclamation proclamation or further action of the City of Milton Common Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDERS ARE ISSUED:

1. The provisions of any administrative or personnel policy or rule are suspended if the mayor and/or city administrator determines that compliance with the rule or policy would prevent, hinder or delay necessary actions to respond to the emergency and increase the health threat.
2. During the state of emergency any alderperson or member of any city board, commission or committee may be permitted to participate by telephone or verbally by computer in any publicly noticed meeting in the same manner as if such alderperson, commission or committee member were physically present. The individual shall give notice to the city of their intent to so participate as soon as practicable.
3. All city departments and employees are directed to assist, as appropriate and as directed by the mayor and/or city administrator, in the city's ongoing response to the public health emergency.
4. All instructions as to any potential closing of traffic routes or business or curfew restrictions, as determined by the mayor and/or city administrator, will be disseminated to the public via multimedia on a timely and regular basis.
5. The mayor and/or city administrator have the authority to do whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety and welfare of the City during the emergency.
6. This resolution shall be forwarded to the Rock County Emergency Management Coordinator.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED this written declaration shall be filed with the City Clerk on the first regular business day following its approval.

Approved by the Common Council of the City Milton on this date of 8th day of April, 2020

CITY OF MILTON

Anissa Welch, Mayor

Leanne Schroeder, City Clerk

By:

Attest:
