

**CITY OF COON RAPIDS PROCLAMATION
DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Governor of Minnesota issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01 declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota's Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19 on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City faces an imminent threat to life and public health resulting from the novel coronavirus and the resulting COVID-19 disease; and

WHEREAS, the City is confronted with a worldwide pandemic creating threat of disaster of major proportions, which the safety and welfare of the guests to and inhabitants of the City are jeopardized and placed at extreme peril, in which timely action to contain and mitigate the risk to human life.

WHEREAS, the City Manager and Emergency Management Director find that this situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the members of the City of Coon Rapids community and will cause a significant impact on the ability of public safety personnel to address any immediate dangers to the public as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and Emergency Management Director find that traditional sources of financial aid, assistance and relief will not be able to compensate for the potential impact of COVID-19, and have determined that the necessary resources to respond to and recover from this pandemic will exceed those resources available within the City of Coon Rapids, and additional resources will be needed from Anoka County and state and federal sources; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 12.29 authorizes the Mayor to declare the existence of local emergency, invoke necessary portions of the City's Emergency Operations Plans and authorize aid and services in accordance with interjurisdictional agreements, such as mutual aid agreements; and

WHEREAS, under Minnesota Statutes, section 12.37 this emergency declaration authorizes the City to enter into contracts and perform other duties without following many of the time-consuming legal procedures normally required, including:

- Arranging for the performance of public work
- Contracting
- Incurring obligations
- Employing temporary workers
- Renting equipment
- Purchasing supplies and materials
- Complying with limitations on tax levies

- Appropriating and expending public funds, including publication of ordinances and resolutions, advertisement for bids, provisions of civil service laws and rules, competitive bidding, and budget requirement

NOW, THEREFORE, MAYOR JERRY KOCH OF THE CITY OF COON RAPIDS PROCLAIMS, DECLARES, REQUESTS, AND DIRECTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Under the authority given by Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.29, declares that a local emergency exists within the City of Coon Rapids, effective March 17, 2020, with all the powers and responsibilities attending thereto as provided by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 12.
2. Directs all City departments and offices to operate and support the response to this incident, under the direction and coordination of the City Manager, the Emergency Management Director and Emergency Management Organization including implementing new employee protocols, strategies, and processes to ensure that public services are maintained and City staff remain safe.
3. Directs the City's Emergency Management Director and other appropriate City staff to request and coordinate appropriate aid and resources from surrounding jurisdictions, Anoka County, the State of Minnesota, and the Federal government, as needed.
4. Declares, under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021 that in-person meetings of the City Council, Planning Commission, and other advisory commissions of the City of Coon Rapids are not practical or prudent due to the COVID-19 health pandemic and the peacetime emergency declared by Governor Walz pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 12, and hereby directs that:
 - a. Meetings of the city Council, Planning Commission, and other advisory commissions of the City shall be conducted by telephone or other electronic means; and
 - b. Attendance by Councilmembers, Commissioners, City staff and members of the public at the regular meeting location is unfeasible; and
 - c. City Staff shall take such action as may be necessary to enable such meetings to occur via telephone or other electronic means pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021, until such time as it is no longer impractical or impudent for the City Council, Planning Commission, and other advisory commission to resume in-person meetings.
5. This emergency declaration shall continue for a period of three (3) days from its effective date of March 17, 2020, unless further extended by or

with the consent of the City Council pursuant to Minnesota Statutes,
Section 12.29, subd. 1.

6. Orders that this declaration be given prompt and general publicity and that it be filed promptly by the City Clerk.

Adopted by the Mayor of the City of Coon Rapids, Minnesota this 17th day of March,
2020.





Jerry Koch, Mayor