

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
CITY OF GREEN BAY COVID-19 RESPONSE**

**WHEREAS**, a novel strain of the coronavirus, named COVID-19 has spread throughout numerous countries including the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Wisconsin Governor, Tony Evers issued Executive Order #72 Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a Health Emergency in Response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 17, 2020, there were 72 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state of Wisconsin, including in the counties of Dane, Fond du Lac, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Pierce, Racine, Sheboygan, Waukesha, Winnebago, and Wood; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC expects that widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States will occur, and that in the coming months, most of the U.S. population will be exposed to this virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC anticipates that widespread transmission of COVID-19 could translate into large numbers of people needing medical care at the same time, causing public health and healthcare systems to become overloaded, and affecting other critical infrastructure, such as law enforcement, emergency medical services, and sectors of the transportation industry; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19 and no medications approved to treat it; instead the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus, which also delays the spread of the virus and reduces the impact of disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Green Bay and Brown County Emergency Operations Center was activated as a Level 4 on March 14, 2020 in order to monitor and prepare for a response within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Green Bay is focused on protecting the health, safety, welfare, and good order of the Green Bay community, including those members at highest risk; and

**WHEREAS**, the conditions created by the these public health emergencies pose a continuing and substantial threat to public order, life, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Green Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Green Bay in cooperation with the local, state and federal governmental entities desires to take action to prevent exposure to and spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, because of such emergency conditions, Mayor Genrich declared a local State of Emergency for the City of Green Bay on March 16, 2020 until the Common Council was able to meet; and

**WHEREAS**, these emergency conditions require a proactive response to stop the spread of COVID-19, including providing support to implement federal, state, and county public health operations and recommendations.

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020 the Common Council met to consider this matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Green Bay recognizes that large-scale medical events can affect the health and well-being of City employees and result in employees needing to stay home to recover or to take care of a loved one, or non-essential City employees being ordered to stay home from work to prevent contracting or spreading an illness that may result in an enormous financial burden on the employee, their family, and the community as a whole.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to sections 323.11 and 323.14 (4) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the City of Green Bay hereby declares a local State of Emergency for the City of Green Bay automatically expiring on April 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., unless extended. During the State of Emergency, it is hereby ordered that the City of Green Bay will make all of its resources available to adopt, implement, and support all actions and recommendations of Federal, State, and County public health agencies. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that:

1. The Fire Chief of the City of Green Bay shall act as the Emergency Management Director for the City of Green Bay during the period of this emergency.

2. All in-person meetings and gatherings involving City employees, staff, and/or elected officials are suspended for the duration of this emergency. All meetings of the Common Council, Committees, Boards, and/or Commissions may be conducted remotely, with access granted to the public to the full extent practicable.

3. All City sponsored events will either be cancelled or rescheduled during the emergency.

4. Public access to City facilities shall be limited. To the extent possible, all operations shall be made available on-line and/or available for external drop off to the City.

5. All City of Green Bay business travel is suspended for the duration of this emergency.

6. The City will provide paid sick leave for individuals diagnosed with COVID-19, caring for a family member who is diagnosed with COVID-19, caring for a child who is home due to a school closing or unable to find childcare due to COVID 19, or an employee excluded from employment or is quarantined or isolated because of exposure to COVID-19. In addition, employees who are non-essential and asked to stay home to

prevent contracting or spreading the illness will continue to receive compensation based on their regular rate of pay and benefits.

7. The City shall take all further actions reasonable and necessary to prevent exposure to and/or spread of COVID-19, including complying with all federal, state, and county laws, rules, and/or orders as they may issue.

Pursuant to 323.14(4)(b), Stats., the Common Council ratifies the proclamation declaring a state of emergency dated March 16, 2020, and further amends that action as identified herein.

**THIS DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY** is enacted by the Common Council this 17th day of March 2020.

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Eric Genrich, Mayor