

Mayoral Proclamation of State of Emergency

WHEREAS, a novel strain of the coronavirus, named COVID-19 coronavirus 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, the CDC expects that widespread transmission of COVID-19 coronavirus 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 coronavirus 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 coronavirus 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 Lake Geneva is focused on protecting the health, safety, welfare, and good order of the Lake Geneva community, including those members at highest risk; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Geneva, 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, a number of restaurants in the Geneva Lakes Area have been required to temporarily close because of employee's exposure to or infection from Covid-19 coronavirus

since the last City Council Meeting when previous Emergency Orders were permitted to expire, and

WHEREAS, there is concern that if action is not taken, City employees and the general public will be at risk of infection from Covid-19 coronavirus if City facilities are opened to the public without restrictions to help prevent further spread of Covid-19 coronavirus, and

WHEREAS, because of such emergency conditions and recent local outbreaks, and because the City Council has been unable to meet with promptness to address the issues immediately; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED pursuant to sections 323.11 and 323.14(4) of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, Mayor Charlene Klein hereby declares a local State of Emergency for the City of Lake Geneva automatically expiring on July 31st, 2020 at 11:59 PM, unless extended. During the State of Emergency, it is hereby ordered that the City of Lake Geneva will make all resources available to adopt, implement, and support the actions and recommendations of Federal, State, and County public health agencies,

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following be adopted:

1. Daily business at City Hall will be conducted as follows: Clerk, Treasurer and Front Counter staff will provide service to the public via the counter in the City Hall vestibule. Building and Zoning Department will serve the public via their vestibule adjacent to their offices. Public access to the lobby of City Hall (with the exception for access to a public meeting as described below) will be prohibited.
2. With respect to Municipal Court proceedings, specific guidelines have not been determined as of the date of this proclamation, however, once the public is permitted to enter City Hall for municipal court proceedings, the following is expected: Individuals gaining access to the lobby and council chambers for municipal court purposes will have access to hand sanitizer and be required to wear a mask while in the building. Masks will be made available, free of charge, immediately inside the lobby of City Hall. Those attending court will be allowed to

enter the west door of council chambers and instructed to exit using the east door of council chambers. Council Chamber capacity will not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of full capacity as previously determined by the Lake Geneva Fire Department (25% capacity being 23 individuals.) Seating within council chambers will be arranged to maximize recommended social distancing. To maintain optimal social distancing; spectator chairs will not be allowed to be moved. Designated city staff will be present during court proceedings to insure all regulations are obeyed. Council Chambers will be thoroughly sanitized after each day's proceedings are concluded.

3. It is recommended that whenever in person staff meetings are required, there be created a "socialization distance" of 6 feet, however in the alternative, staff is encouraged to utilize the technology available to conduct such meetings virtually.

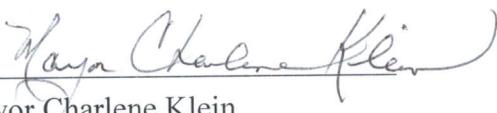
4. With respect to all City Council, Committee, Boards, and Commissions, the following procedures will be adopted: All City Council, City Boards, City Committees and City Commission meetings will be conducted in the City Council chambers. City Hall lobby doors will be unlocked twenty (20) minutes prior to a scheduled meeting and locked twenty minutes after the conclusion of scheduled meetings. Individuals gaining access to the lobby and council chambers for public meeting purposes will have access to hand sanitizer and be required to wear a mask while in the building. Masks will be made available, free of charge, immediately inside the lobby of City Hall. Those attending meetings at City Hall will be allowed to enter the west door of council chambers and instructed to exit using the east door of council chambers. Council Chamber capacity will not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of full capacity as previously determined by the Lake Geneva Fire Department (25% capacity being 23 individuals.) Seating within council chambers will be arranged to maximize recommended social distancing. To maintain optimal social distancing; spectator chairs will not be allowed to be moved. Designated city staff will be present during meetings to insure all regulations are obeyed (including limiting capacity in the council from exceeding twenty-five percent, insuring all those present wear masks, and that proper social distancing is maintained.) All members of the meeting body will have the option of attending and participating in the meeting in person at the council chambers or attending and participating remotely via the available applications such as zoom, go to meeting, etc. City Council, Committee of the Whole, and Plan Commission meetings will be televised. The presiding officers of the City Council, Plan Commission, and Committee of the Whole and chairs of all city committees, boards and commissions will be responsible for conducting their meetings, including operating remote meeting applications such as zoom, go to meeting, etc. Those individual who attend an

in person meeting will be required to provide their name and phone number for contact tracing purposes. Those from the public who attend a meeting in person and who wish to provide "Public Comment" during the meeting will be required to "sign in" prior to the meeting and print their name, address, and telephone number, and provide a brief description of their public comment. The sign in sheets will be located inside the council chambers and available twenty minutes before the meeting begins. Council Chambers will be sanitized after the day's meeting(s) are concluded.

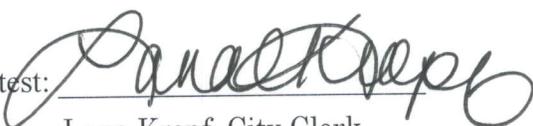
5. Because of the economic effects of various emergency orders put in place since, March 12th, 2020, and to provide economic relief for our downtown businesses as well as promote more social distancing in their facilities during the pendency of this Proclamation of State of Emergency (until it expires, is amended or is rescinded), the provisions of Section 98-206(8)(f) of the City of Lake Geneva Zoning Code are relaxed to allow the placement of merchandise for sale in those areas designated for "Sidewalk Furnishings" as set forth in Section 62-67(9), of the Municipal Code of the City of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately and shall continue in effect until July 31st, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. or such earlier time as a quorum of the Governing Body convenes and rescinds or alters this Proclamation.

Dated this 30th day of June, 2020



Mayor Charlene Klein

Attest: 

Lana Kropf, City Clerk