Seventh Amended Proclamation of State of Emergency

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 an Executive Order Declaring a Public Health Emergency in Response to the COVID19 Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, as of March 18, 2020, there were 90 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state of Wisconsin, including in the counties of Fond du Lac, Milwaukee, Dane, Pierce, Racine, Sheboygan, Walworth, Waukesha and Winnebago; 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 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, because of such emergency conditions, the City Council was unable to meet with promptness to address the issue immediately; 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, and

WHEREAS, because the City Council at the regular scheduled meeting of April 27, 2020 altered the Fourth Amended Proclamation of the State of Emergency dated April 10, 2020 by directing staff to start collecting parking rates and fees as soon as practical at the current rates and during the current enforcement hours, item 15 of the Fourth Amended Proclamation of the State of Emergency providing that parking rates and fees be suspended is hereby deleted, and

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED pursuant to sections 323.11 and 323.14(4) of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, the City of Lake Geneva hereby declares a local State of Emergency for the City of Lake Geneva automatically expiring on May 26th, 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. The Mayor will use her best efforts to meet with the City Administrator and City Department Heads daily to discuss and coordinate a City response to new CDC, Walworth County Health Department, State of Wisconsin COVID-19 information, proclamations, recommendations, and requirements to protect all City residents provided the conditions allow such meetings.

2. All City meetings will be conducted virtually. The public will be able to access and observe all meetings by the communications and technology made available and posted by the City Clerk in the agendas for such meetings. The public will not be allowed into City Hall for meetings until the State of Emergency expires, is rescinded or altered by future proclamations by state, county or municipal authorities.

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

4. Recommend that all standing committees and the boards and commissions set forth below conduct meetings virtually and utilized all the technology and equipment available in the City Hall Council Chambers.

5. All City meetings except for City Council, Plan Commission, Utility Commission, Police & Fire Commission and City of Lake Geneva Standing Committees be postponed.

6. Limit City employee non-essential travel to States identified as positive for Sustained Community Transmission.

7. Recommend that Department Heads adopt procedures to limit employees' direct contact with the public.

8. Encourage all residents of the City of Lake Geneva comply with Governor Evers' recommendations for maintaining personal health.

9. Release the Security Deposits of all scheduled private and public events at the Riviera that are cancelled because they will exceed Governor Evers' public gathering limit of 10 people or any other limits imposed by future emergency orders.

10. Authorize emergency purchases of goods and materials.

11. Authorize emergency purchases of services.

12. Authorize emergency costs to the labor force.

13. Authorize City personnel to extend the time to renew, apply and pay for buoys, dinghy spaces, boat slips, and kayak spaces leased by the City of Lake Geneva to May 1, 2020.

14. Authorize the Mayor to take any further necessary actions to protect the health, safety

and public welfare of the ctizens of the City of Lake Geneva in those instances the City Council is unable to meet with promptness to address any issues requiring immediate attention.

15. Authorize Department Heads to utilize personnel within their departments in a manner that best serves the needs of the public. During this state of emergency, the employees will be paid their regular pay if they are required to stay home order circumstances resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic including but not limited to mandated self-quarantines, to care for another who is affected by Covid-19 virus, to care for children at home because of the mandated school closing, or for any other reason a person is required to stay home because of declarations by the state or federal government in response to the declared state of emergency.

16. City Hall will be closed to the public for all walk-in city business. The City Clerk will provide means for the public and any vendors to conduct business through the mail, electronically, or by phone. If face to face business is required, appointments must be made with appropriate City personnel.

17. The Lake Geneva Fire Department located at 730 Marshall Street will be closed April 7, 2020 as a polling place in an effort to protect the health of our first responders. City Hall located at 626 Geneva Street will be the sole polling place for Aldermanic Districts I, II, III, and IV for future elections until this emergency proclamation expires or is rescinded by the City Council.

18. Provided the public respects state and national guidelines regarding physical distancing, the Skate Park, Library Park, and Flat Iron Park will reopen on May 14, 2020. Because of the lack of personnel and safety equipment, only the bathrooms in Flat Iron Park and at the west end of Library Park will be open to the public.

19. 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 during the pendency of this Seventh Amended 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 May 26th, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. or such earlier time as a quorum of the Governing Body convenes and rescinds the Proclamation.

Dated this 13th day of May, 2020

Mayor Charlene Klein

Attest:
Nan Elder, Deputy Clerk

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