

VILLAGE OF SAUK CITY

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION #1 IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



WHEREAS, in December, 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus was detected, now named COVID-19, and it has spread throughout the world, including every state in the United States;

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump proclaimed a National Emergency concerning COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020 Governor Evers issued Emergency Order No. 12 entitled "Safer at Home" to stem the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, positive COVID-19 cases continue to exponentially increase and public health officials estimate that the actual number of Wisconsinites infected with COVID-19 is significantly higher than the confirmed cases reported;

WHEREAS, the entire community - including residents, businesses, community organizations, and government - need to take all possible actions to prevent further spread of COVID-19 to save lives;

WHEREAS, social distancing - the practice of keeping at least six feet apart from others and avoiding direct physical contact - is the only effective means of slowing the rate of infection. As the rates of infection continue to drastically increase, additional measures are immediately necessary to slow the rate of infection and save lives; and

WHEREAS, this is a critical moment in our community and we must all do our part to cease non-essential travel, business, and physical interactions;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 the Village of Sauk City declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Section 323.11 and Section 323.14(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the Village President, as chief executive officer under Section 323.14(4)(b) can issue proclamations exercising the powers granted to the Village Board under Section 323.14(4)(a) to order whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property with the Village of Sauk City.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted under Wis. Stat. §323.14, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that:

Article I. Appointment of Local Health Officer

Dr. John McAuliffe is appointed the local health officer for the Village of Sauk City and may carry out the duties and powers vested in local health officers under §252.03, Wis. Stats.

Article II. Local Enforcement of All Government Issued Orders

Wisconsin Statute §252.25 relating to penalties for violation or obstruction of the execution of any statute, rule, departmental order, or local ordinance issued under Chapter 252, Wisconsin Statutes, shall be adopted by reference as an ordinance of the Village of Sauk City as though fully set forth herein, and local law enforcement are authorized to issue municipal citations for any such violations or obstructions. Furthermore, each day a violation continues shall be a separate violation.

Article III. Non-Essential Businesses

The following businesses or operations are deemed to be “non-essential” in the Village of Sauk City:

- A. Any non-veterinary animal care businesses (e.g. pet grooming or pet massage).
- B. Any retail business not expressly deemed as “essential” under the “Safer at Home” Emergency Order No. 12, including but not limited to: tobacco and/or vaping stores, recreational equipment stores, photography studios, or clothing stores.
- C. Any rental business for recreational equipment, e.g. canoe or kayak rental.

Article IV. Emergency Purchases and Services

The Village President and Village Administrator, acting together, on behalf of the Village of Sauk City without further Board approval may:

- A. Authorize the emergency purchase of goods and materials that may be required to adhere to orders issued by the State of Wisconsin, federal government, or local boards of health in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- B. Authorize the emergency purchase of services that may be required to adhere to orders issued by the State of Wisconsin, federal government, or local boards of health in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- C. Authorize emergency labor that may be required to adhere to orders issued by the State of Wisconsin, federal government, or local boards of health in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Article V. Remote Participation Policy for Meetings

The Village Board members and any Village commissions or committee members may remotely participate in any meetings of Village government bodies in accordance with the following policy:

- A. Any member of the Village Board or other Village commission or committee may attend and participate in any meeting from a remote location via a two-way audio connection in any of the following circumstances:
 - (1) A state of emergency has been declared by either state or local government that applies to the Village of Sauk City;
 - (2) A meeting is required on short-notice to handle an emergency situation facing the Village;
 - (3) Personal injury, disability, or severe illness of the member, or when the member is or has been a caretaker for an individual who has been ill; or
 - (4) When a member cannot attend a meeting in person due to any other emergency circumstances.
- B. The chair of the meeting, the Village Administrator, deputy clerk, or some other designated individual shall, if possible, attend the meeting in person at the Village Hall or such other designated public location for the meeting. If the entire body is participating remotely, the means for the public to have access to monitor the meeting shall be posted with the agenda.
- C. Members who participate remotely and all members present at the meeting must be clearly audible to each other and to the public using a near simultaneous two-way audio connection. Any video connection, if used, shall be situated to be visible to the members in attendance and as many members of the public as possible. Acceptable means of remote participation include, but are not limited to, telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio and video conferencing, or any other technology that enables the remote participant to make a near simultaneous two-way audio connection with the other members of the body in attendance and the public.
- D. Members participating remotely may be counted for purposes of determining a quorum for the meeting.

- E. When a member participates remotely, the minutes of the meeting shall indicate which member(s) are participating remotely and the method used (e.g. teleconference or video conference).
- F. The chair of the meeting, shall, at the start of any meeting in which a member(s) is participating remotely, announce to the public the name of such member(s) and the fact that he or she is participating remotely. If a member is disconnected or otherwise unable to maintain a near simultaneous two-way audio and video connection, the minutes must note that fact and the time of such occurrence.
- G. If technical issues arise as a result of the remote participation and a quorum is still present, the chair of the meeting, may decide whether to continue the meeting or recess the meeting and make reasonable efforts to remedy the technical issue prior to proceeding. If a quorum is not in attendance without the remote participant(s), the meeting shall be in recess and reasonable efforts to re-establish a two-way audio connection shall be made. If such efforts are unsuccessful, the meeting shall be adjourned.
- H. Any member who attends a meeting through remote participation is entitled to vote as if they were physically present at the meeting. If more than one member is participating remotely, all votes shall be by roll call vote.
- I. Remote participation may not be used for closed sessions.

Article VI. Village Board Ratification or Modification

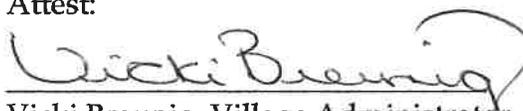
The Village Board shall be notified of this Proclamation by the Village Administrator as soon as possible and shall present this Proclamation to the Village Board for ratification, alteration, modification, or repeal by the Village Board as soon as that body can meet.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2020.

Village of Sauk City, Sauk County, Wisconsin


James Anderson, Village President

Attest:


Vicki Breunig, Village Administrator