

RESOLUTION 20-014

CITY OF LAKE CITY, MINNESOTA

**RESOLUTION ENACTED PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 12.29
EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019, commonly known as “COVID-19,” which is a respiratory disease that can result in serious injury or death, is spreading globally and has been identified by the World Health Organization (“WHO”) as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been confirmed to exist and be spreading within the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01 declaring a state of peacetime emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Executive Order triggered activation of the City’s emergency management plan and enabled the City to exercise its emergency powers; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 12.29 authorizes the Mayor of the City of Lake City to declare a local emergency, and further provides that the state of local emergency may not be continued for a period in excess of three days except by or with the consent of the City Council of the City of Lake City; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Lake City issued Mayor Declaration No. 2020-1 Declaring a Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) and Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) have advised that aggressive community mitigation strategies are necessary to slow the transmission of COVID-19, reduce illness and deaths, and limit the economic impacts of the outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is an unforeseen, present, sudden, and unexpected situation, which requires immediate action to be taken to prevent damage to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Lake City; and

WHEREAS, implementation of basic precautions of infection control and prevention, including staying home when ill and practicing respiratory and hand hygiene are necessary to slow or prevent the spread of COVID-19 and

WHEREAS, the City Council called for and held a special council meeting by telephone on March 23, 2020, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021 to discuss the response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Lake City City Council and City staff find that this situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the 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 Council finds 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 Lake City, and additional resources will be needed from Goodhue and Wabasha Counties and state and federal sources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lake City, Minnesota, that:

1. The City Council, by adopting this Resolution, agrees with the Mayor's declaration of a local emergency within the City of Lake City and hereby extends such state of local emergency until such time as this resolution is rescinded by the City Council.
2. City staff is authorized to enter into agreements and contracts necessary for the procurement of materials, equipment, and services required to respond to the local emergency.
3. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute any necessary agreements, contracts, and related documents regarding the local emergency necessary to implement corrective action relative to the local emergency to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City and the community.
4. City staff is authorized to take any appropriate action and to prepare any appropriate documents to facilitate the directives of the Council as set forth in this Resolution.
5. The Mayor, City Administrator, City staff, City Attorney, and City consultants are authorized and directed to take any and all additional steps and actions necessary or convenient in order to accomplish the intent of this Resolution.

Resolution adopted this 23rd day of March, 2020.



Mark Nichols, Mayor

ATTEST:



Karj Schreck, City Clerk