

**PROCLAMATION AND DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 46 OF THE CITY CODE
OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS
PERTAINING TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

WHEREAS, a new and significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions, emerged in late 2019; and,

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 to be a public health emergency and declared it a worldwide pandemic on March 11, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued a Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation declaring all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area on March 9, 2020 and has activated the State Emergency Operations Center; and,

WHEREAS, the State Emergency Management Agency has declared a public health emergency due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency concerning the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued Executive Order 2020-10 entitled Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 (COVID-19 Executive Order No 8), a Stay At Home Order; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate for the City of Decatur, Illinois to take measures to protect the public’s health in response to the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, 20 ILCS 3305/10(j) of the Emergency Management Agency Act and 65 ILCS 5/8-10-5 of the Emergency Act and Chapter 46 of the City Code of the City

of Decatur, Illinois provide certain emergency authority; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur, Illinois is a Home Rule Unit under the 1970 State of Illinois Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Section 2 of Chapter 46 of the City Code of the City of Decatur, Illinois and the relevant provisions of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, it is hereby proclaimed and declared:

SECTION 1. That there is a public health emergency caused by the contagious COVID 19 virus.

SECTION 2. The public health emergency is related to the COVID-19 virus which is causing or anticipated to cause widespread impacts on the health of members of the community.

SECTION 3. That in issuing this Proclamation and Declaration of Emergency, I am relying upon each and every matter and governmental action recited in the preamble, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

SECTION 4. That the following actions are authorized as set forth specifically:

A. The City Manager, in consultation with and concurrence of the Mayor may determine whether and what public buildings and facilities will be open, determine the hours of operation public buildings will be open and designate those persons that may access public buildings and facilities.

B. The City Manager may determine the essential governmental functions needed to ensure the continuing operation of the City or to provide for or support the health, safety and welfare of the public, including contractors performing essential governmental services, and identify those employees and/or contractors necessary to the performance of those functions.

C. The City Manager may determine the manner of operations for City employees and contractors performing essential governmental functions including place and manner of work ensuring the continuity of essential governmental functions.


D. To suspend or alter the provisions of any regulatory ordinance prescribing procedures for the conduct of the government or affairs of the City, if strict compliance there with would prevent, hinder or delay action necessary to cope with the emergency including, but not limited to parking enforcement, utility payments and disconnections, code enforcement, issuance or renewal of permits and fees and other similar governmental acts.

E. To perform other governmental functions set forth in further Declarations and Proclamations as needed.

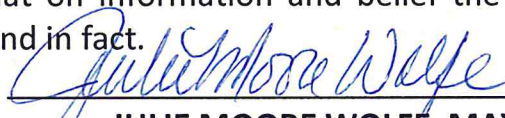
SECTION 5. That all actions as described above which have been taken prior to the date of this Proclamation and Declaration, and during the pendency of this emergency are authorized as if this Proclamation and Declaration were in effect at the time the actions were taken.

SECTION 6. That this shall be filed with the City Clerk and copies of this Declaration provided to the news media and post a copy at the Civic Center.

SECTION 7. That this Declaration is effective the 23rd day of March, 2020 at 12:00 P.m


Julie Moore Wolfe, City of Decatur Mayor

I, Julie Moore Wolfe, Mayor of the City of Decatur, being first duly sworn on oath states that I have read the foregoing Proclamation and Declaration of Emergency pursuant to Chapter 46 of the City Code of the City of Decatur, Illinois, pertaining to a public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus, has knowledge of the subject matter herein, and that on information and belief the matters set out therein are true in substance and in fact.


JULIE MOORE WOLFE, MAYOR

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 23rd day of March, 2020.

OFFICIAL SEAL
KIMBERLY LYNN ALTHOFF
Notary Public - State of Illinois
My Commission Expires 1/11/2021


Notary Public