

## **AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF FOND DU LAC**

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020 the Fond du Lac County Health Department confirmed the 11th case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the City of Fond du Lac; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently 72 active confirmed cases of COVID -19 in the state of Wisconsin with the number continuing to grow, and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "high", and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur within the United States, and


**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, and is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person.

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, welfare and good order of the City to proclaim that a state of emergency exists in the City of Fond du Lac and it is necessary to temporarily suspend or modify applicable ordinances or resolutions to allow immediate response to meet the needs of the extraordinary existing conditions as follows:

- Amend Rule 13 Remote Access of the Supplemental Rules for City Council to allow all City Council members, staff and meeting participants to participate in the meeting thru remote access, including providing access online to the public until October 1, 2020 or sooner if the emergency state is resolved.

- Amend Ordinance Chapter 26-3 Quorum to allow quorum to be created by online appearances by City Council members until October 1, 2020 or sooner if the emergency state is resolved.
- Allow all City Boards and Commission to meet thru remote access and to count online appearances toward quorum until October 1, 2020 or sooner if the emergency state is resolved.
- Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 323.52, amend the location of the governmental meetings of the City of Fond du Lac temporarily to be hosted online electronically until October 1, 2020 or sooner if the emergency state is resolved.
- Allow the City Manager to exercise all necessary and expedient powers pursuant to Section 323.14(4)(b), Wis. Stats. until October 1, 2020 or sooner if the emergency state is resolved.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to Section 323.11 and 323.14(4), Wis. Stats., as City Manager of the City of Fond du Lac I sign and certify this Declaration of Emergency.

  
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Joseph Moore, City Manager  
City of Fond du Lac

(March 17, 2020)