

**RELATED TO THE EMERGENCY CREATED BY  
THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

**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 disaster proclamation on March 9, 2020, due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus 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**, the City Administration has coordinated its response with other Galesburg and Knox County governmental entities; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor John Pritchard has issued a Declaration of Emergency pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered the existence of a public health emergency in acting upon this ordinance and actions required to promote the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, 20 ILCS 3305/10(j) of the Emergency Management Agency Act and 65 ILCS 5/8-10-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code provides political subdivisions with certain emergency contractual authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Galesburg is a Home Rule Unit under the 1970 Illinois Constitution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY**

**OF GALESBURG, ILLINOIS** as follows:

**SECTION 1. CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.** That any regular or special meetings of the City Council may be conducted at the call of the Mayor or two Council members via electronic means including audio or video conference. Such meetings may be held, providing such notice to the public and media as is reasonable under the circumstances, and if possible, providing access to the public and including a means for public participation. All such meetings shall be considered "emergency meetings" under the law. During this period of emergency, Council Rules are hereby modified to require an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present, electronically or physically, at the meeting for the passage of any council bill or to provide policy direction.

**SECTION 2. MEETINGS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.** That the City Manager or Mayor may cancel meetings of any board or commission to which the Mayor appoints members. Any such cancellation shall automatically extend such deadlines for required actions by such board or commission as is specified in the cancellation notice.

**SECTION 3. LICENSED OR PERMITTED ACTIVITIES.** That the Mayor may, upon the recommendation of the City Manager or his designee, suspend licenses or permits for special events or any other licenses or permits issued by the City which in the judgment of the Mayor could impact the public health or well-being of residents or visitors to the community.

**SECTION 4. PURCHASES.** That the City Manager may authorize any purchase for which funds are available reasonably related to the emergency. Such purchases may be made without following each formal requirement of the City's adopted Financial Policy.

**SECTION 5. PERSONNEL POLICIES.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to

adjust any personnel policies related to leave time, other benefits or terms and conditions of employment as are reasonably related to providing sufficient staffing during the term of the emergency.

**SECTION 6. BARGAINING UNITS.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into such temporary agreements, including memoranda of understanding with the City's bargaining units in order to promote the provision of City services and the health and safety of the public and employees during the emergency. For the purposes of labor management, the City Manager is hereby authorized to declare an emergency.

**SECTION 7. CITY FACILITIES.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to close City facilities as is reasonably required to protect the health of the public and employees of the City.

**SECTION 8. ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS.** That the City Attorney is hereby authorized to extend any timeframe for payment or filing related to City ordinance violations in recognition of the emergency.

**SECTION 9. AMOUNTS DUE AND OWING.** That the City Manager, upon the recommendation of the Finance Director, is hereby authorized to extend deadlines for payment related to any amounts due and owing to the City.

**SECTION 10. OTHER EMERGENCY POWERS.** That the Mayor, upon the recommendation of the City Manager, may issue such orders, which shall have the force of law, as are provided for by the attached hereto as Section 14. Where applicable, such orders or regulations shall be reviewed and approved by the City Council at the next Council meeting after issuance of such order.

**SECTION 11. ABSENCE OR INCAPACITY.** That in the absence or incapacity of the

Mayor, the Mayor may delegate such powers to the emergency interim successor who may take such actions as are provided herein. Similarly, in the absence or incapacity of the City Manager, the City Manager's designee may perform any matter referred to herein.

**SECTION 12.** That this ordinance shall be construed as a declaration of a local disaster as provided for under 20 ILCS 3305/11.

**SECTION 13. DURATION.** This ordinance shall be effective for 30 days from the date of passage. The ordinance shall continue for 30-day periods thereafter unless repealed or amended by the City Council.

**SECTION 14. ORDERS AND REGULATIONS.** After the declaration of an emergency, the Mayor may in the interest of public safety and welfare make any or all of the following orders and provide the following direction:

1. Issue such other orders as are imminently necessary for the protection of life and property.
2. Order a general curfew applicable to such geographical areas of the City or to the City as a whole, as the Mayor deems advisable, and applicable during such hours of the day or night as the Mayor deems necessary in the interest of public safety and welfare.
3. Order the closing of all retail liquor stores, including taverns and private clubs or portions thereof wherein the consumption of intoxicating liquor and beer is permitted;
4. Order the discontinuance of the sale of alcoholic liquor by any wholesaler or retailer;
5. Order the control, restriction and regulation within the City by rationing, issuing quotas, fixing or freezing prices, allocating the use, sale or distribution of food, fuel, clothing and other commodities, materials, goods or services or the necessities of life;

6. Order restrictions on ingress or egress to parts of the City to limit the occupancy of any premises;

7. To make provision for the availability and use of temporary emergency housing;

8. Temporarily suspend, limit, cancel, convene, reschedule, postpone, continue, or relocate all meetings of the City Council, and any City committee, commission, board, authority, or other City body as deemed appropriate by the Mayor.

9. Require closing of business establishments.

10. Prohibit the sale or distribution within the City of any products which could be employed in a manner which would constitute a danger to public safety.

11. Temporarily close any and all streets, alleys, sidewalks, bike paths, public parks or public ways.

12. Temporarily suspend or modify, for not more than sixty (60) days, any regulation or ordinance of the City, including, but not limited to, those regarding health, safety, and zoning. This period may be extended upon approval of the City Council.

13. Suspend or limit the use of the water resources or other infrastructure.

14. Direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the population from any stricken or threatened areas within the City if the Mayor deems this action is necessary for the preservation of life, property, or other disaster or emergency mitigation, response or recovery and to prescribe routes, modes of transportation and destination in connection with an evacuation.

15. Approve application for local, state, or federal assistance.

16. Establish and control routes of transportation, ingress or egress.

17. Control ingress and egress from any designated disaster or emergency area or home, building or structures located therein.

18. Accept services, gifts, grants, loans, equipment, supplies, and/or materials whether from private, nonprofit, or governmental sources.

19. Require the continuation, termination, disconnection, or suspension of natural gas, electrical power, water, sewer, communication or other public utilities or infrastructure.

20. Exercise such powers and functions in light of the exigencies of emergency or disaster including the waiving of compliance with any time consuming procedures and formalities, including notices, as may be prescribed by law.

21. Issue any and all such other orders or undertake such other functions and activities as the Mayor reasonably believes is required to protect the health, safety, and welfare of persons or property within the City or otherwise preserve the public peace or abate, clean up, or mitigate the effects of any emergency or disaster.

22. The City Manager shall report not less than weekly to the Mayor and City Council with updates when this Emergency Declaration is in effect.

**SECTION 15:** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict with this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

**SECTION 16:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Approved this 19th day of March 2020 by a roll call vote as follows:

Roll Call #: 2

Ayes: Council Members Hix, Dennis, Hillery, Allen, Cox, and Mayor Pritchard, 6

Abstain: Council Member Schwartzman, 1 (via telephone)

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Nays: None

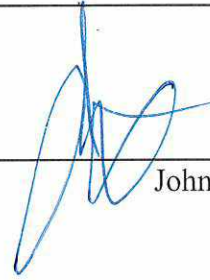
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Absent: Council Member Andersen, 1.

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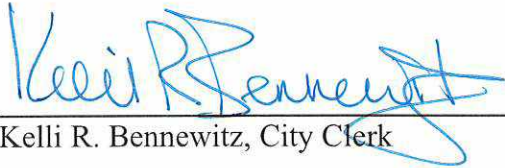
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John Pritchard, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Kelli R. Bennewitz, City Clerk

# Declaration of Local State of Emergency

STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
COUNTY OF KNOX        ) SS  
CITY OF GALESBURG     )

Pursuant to the authority vested in the office of Mayor by the Illinois Municipal Code Section 5/11-1-6, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act Section 3305/11, I, John Pritchard, the Mayor of the City of Galesburg do hereby declare that a Local State of Emergency exists as of this date, March 19, 2020, and shall continue until such time as provided in Special Ordinance 20-596.

The nature of the emergency is COVID-19.

During the existence of the Local State of Emergency, the Mayor shall execute such authority as provided under the Illinois Municipal Code, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act and Special Ordinance 20-596.

This Declaration of Local State of Emergency shall be filed with the City Clerk as soon as practicable.

I, JOHN T. PRITCHARD whose name is signed to this instrument, being first duly sworn, signed and executed the instrument as the Declaration of Local State of Emergency, and that I signed willingly, and that I executed it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed.

## NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On this 19 of MARCH, 2020, personally appeared the above-named \_\_\_\_\_ and acknowledged the foregoing to be (his/her) free act and deed, before me.

My Commission Expires: 09/19/2021

(Seal)



Wendy Barnes

Notary Public

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