

MAYORAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY CITY OF VILLA GROVE

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 to be a public health emergency of international concern and on March 11, 2020 declared a worldwide pandemic; 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 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, on March 16, 2020 the Governor of the State of Illinois issued Executive order 2020-07 whereby beginning March 18, 2020 all public gatherings of 50 or more people would be prohibited and whereby provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120 requiring physical presence at municipal meetings is suspended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Villa Grove Administration has begun to coordinate response with other Douglas County, State of Illinois and Federal governmental entities; 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 and Section 12.5-32 (d)(5) provides political subdivisions with certain emergency contractual authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Villa Grove is a duly organized and existing Non-Home Rule Unit created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is not operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto with full powers to enact ordinances for the benefit of the residents of the City and the City previously enacted the Code of Villa Grove.

I, CASSANDRA A. EVERSOLE-GUNTER, Mayor of the City of Villa Grove, pursuant to power granted to me by the Municipal Code, relevant provisions of the Illinois Compiled Statutes and the Illinois Emergency Management Act, do hereby declare the existence of a state of emergency in the City of Villa Grove.

DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY: The emergency is related to the COVID-19 virus which is causing or anticipated to cause widespread impact on the health of the members of the City of Villa Grove, as well as the welfare of its businesses. In this matter, I rely on each matter recited in the preamble hereto, which is incorporated by reference.


CALL TO MEET: Pursuant to this declaration, the Mayor hereby calls for a special emergency meeting of the City Council on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers located at 612 Front Street, Villa Grove, Illinois.

POSTING: The City Administrator or her designee shall provide copies of this Declaration to the news media and post copies at the Police Station, Fire Station, City Administrative and Billing Office, and the U.S. Post Office.

This declaration is effective at 3:00 p.m. on this nineteenth day of March 2020.


CASSANDRA A. EVERSOLE-GUNTER
Mayor

WITNESSED:


JACQUALINE S. ATHEY
City Administrator

SEAL



STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

I, BETH G. ELSTON, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that Cassandra A. Eversole-Gunter, personally known to me to be the Mayor of the City of Villa Grove, and personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that as such Mayor, she signed and delivered the said instrument in her official capacity as Mayor of the City of Villa Grove and caused the corporate seal of said corporation to be affixed thereto, pursuant to the authority, given by the City Council of said corporation as their free and voluntary act, and as the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

DATED at Villa Grove, Illinois, this nineteenth day of March, A.D. 2020.

Beth G. Elston
BETH G. ELSTON
Notary Public

