

**A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
FOR THE CITY OF MERRILL**

Whereas, a novel strain of the coronavirus, named COVID-19 has spread throughout numerous countries including the United States; and

Whereas, the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

Whereas the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared a Public Health Emergency; and

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has declared a Public Health Emergency; and

Whereas, the conditions created by the proclamation of these public health emergencies pose a continuing and substantial threat to the public order, life, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Merrill; and

Whereas, the City of Merrill in cooperation with the local, state and federal governmental entities desires to take action to prevent exposure to and spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus; and;

Whereas, during periods of emergency, the City Administrator and Mayor, shall have the authority to issue all such orders as they deem necessary to protect public life, health and safety including, but not limited to, carrying out the following duties:

- (1) The power to direct emergency response activities by City departments.
- (2) The power to execute contracts for the emergency construction or repair of public improvements, when the delay of advertising and public bidding might cause serious loss or injury to the City.
- (3) The power to purchase or lease goods and services deemed necessary to the City's emergency response or for the repair of City facilities, or both.
- (4) The power to lease real property, or structures, or both, that are deemed necessary for the continued operation of City government.
- (5) The power to promulgate rules and orders to implement and clarify the proclamation exercising emergency power.
- (6) The power to delegate any or all of these duties to appropriate City personnel.

Now, therefore, pursuant to the directive made by Governor Tony Evers on March 17, 2020, I direct as follows:

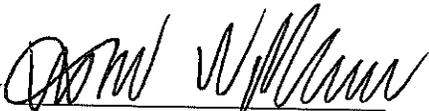
That the initial period for this emergency shall be sixty (60) days from the date of this Declaration.

That those City Officials/Department Heads who have charge and control of city facilities are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions, including but not limited to, the rescheduling and cancelling of events and limiting public access to portions of their facilities, as they deem reasonable and necessary to prevent exposure to and/or spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

That actions taken pursuant to the grant of authority contained in this ordinance shall be subject to ratification, alteration, modification or repeal by the Common Council as soon as that body can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the Common Council shall not affect the prior validity of the action taken.

**THIS DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY** is effective this 20th day of March 2020.

CITY OF MERRILL

By   
Derek Woellner, Mayor