

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY
EXECUTIVE POWERS PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6**

WHEREAS, in late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emerged in China; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions and present with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19, including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease; and

WHEREAS, we are continuing our efforts to prepare for any eventuality given that this is a novel illness and given the known health risks it poses for the elderly and those with serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, and the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19 presents a public health emergency on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, State of Illinois Governor JP Pritzker issued a disaster proclamation on March 9, 2020, declaring all counties in the State of Illinois a disaster area under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has reported 167,511 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 6,606 deaths attributable to COVID-19 globally as of March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) currently recommends community preparedness and everyday prevention measures be taken by all individuals and families in the United States, including social distancing, voluntary home isolation when individuals are sick with respiratory symptoms, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available, and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects to increase community resilience and readiness for responding to an outbreak; and

WHEREAS, a vaccine or drug is currently not available for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in communities with confirmed COVID-19 cases, the CDC currently recommends mitigation measures including social distancing, staying at home when sick, when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms or when instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider and keeping away from others who are sick; and

WHEREAS, despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the World Health Organization and the CDC indicate that it is expected to spread; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, the Illinois Department of Public Health is reporting 105 cases of COVID-19 in 15 counties in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, one of the confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Illinois has not been linked to any travel activity or to an already-confirmed COVID-19 case, which indicates community transmission in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the corporate authorities of the City of Rolling Meadows recognize the potential of a public health emergency in the City in the near future; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Rolling Meadows that the City will be prepared to address any emergencies and, therefore, pursuant to § 5/11-1-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code, provide for the standards for the determination of whether a state of emergency exists authorizing the mayor to exercise extraordinary power and authority, by executive order, during the possible state of emergency, to ensure that the effects of COVID-19 are mitigated and minimized and that residents and visitors in the City of Rolling Meadows remain safe and secure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Rolling Meadows, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The corporate authorities hereby establish standards for the determination of whether a state of emergency exists within the City of Rolling Meadows:

1. The existence of federal, state or county directives or advisories on COVID-19 which impact any activities within the City of Rolling Meadows or specific instances of COVID-19 within the City which require action to ensure the safety of the general public or of City officials and staff; and
2. The need for immediate, emergency action which must occur before the next regular meeting of the City Council.

SECTION TWO: If the standards enumerated in Section One are met, the mayor shall provide, under oath, a statement finding that such standards have been met, setting forth facts to substantiate such findings, describing the nature of the emergency, and declaring that a state of emergency exists. This statement shall be filed with the Deputy City Clerk as soon as practicable.

SECTION THREE: The corporate authorities hereby grant to the mayor, in the event that the standards in Section One are met and the mayor has provided a statement as required by Section Two, the extraordinary power and authority to exercise, by executive order, during the state of emergency, the powers of the corporate authorities as may be reasonably necessary to respond to the emergency to ensure that the effects of COVID-19 are mitigated and minimized and that residents and visitors in the City of Rolling Meadows remain safe and secure.

SECTION FOUR: The state of emergency and the mayor's extraordinary power and authority provided in Section Three shall expire not later than the adjournment of the first regular meeting of the corporate authorities after the state of emergency is declared.

SECTION FIVE: At the first regular meeting of the corporate authorities after the state of emergency is declared, the corporate authorities may ratify the actions taken by the mayor during the state of emergency, and determine, by resolution, whether the state of emergency should continue and any extension of the mayor's temporary extraordinary powers.

SECTION SIX: SEVERABILITY. The various provisions of this Ordinance are to be considered as severable, and if any part or portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION SEVEN: REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES. All prior Ordinances and Resolutions in conflict or inconsistent herewith are hereby expressly repealed only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

SECTION EIGHT: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

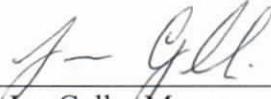
AYES: O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica, Cannon, Budmats

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Passed and Approved this 17th day of March, 2020.



Joe Gallo, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judith Brose, Deputy City Clerk