

**AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING AND EXTENDING
A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY
WITHIN THE CITY OF ROLLING MEADOWS
DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, since early March 2020, the entire United States has faced a pandemic due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a novel acute respiratory illness that has caused extraordinary sickness and loss of life and spreads rapidly and continues to be without an effective treatment or vaccine; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued a Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation declaring a state of emergency throughout the State of Illinois as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; which disaster proclamation has been extended and continues; and

WHEREAS, at all times but especially during a public health crisis, protecting the health and safety of residents of the City of Rolling Meadows is among the most important functions of City government; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Rolling Meadows issued a Proclamation declaring the existence of a state of emergency throughout the City of Rolling Meadows as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council of the City of Rolling Meadows passed Resolution No. 20-R-28, approving and adopting the Proclamation made by the Mayor and consenting to continue and extend the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City of Rolling Meadows ("City") passed Ordinance No. 20-10, establishing temporary executive powers and the Mayor of the City declared a state of emergency within the City pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, the City passed Ordinance No. 20-16, confirming and extending the declared state of emergency through the adjournment of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, the City passed Ordinance No. 20-17, confirming and extending the declared state of emergency through the adjournment of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, the City passed Ordinance No. 20-20, confirming and extending the declared state of emergency through the adjournment of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2020, the City passed Ordinance No. 20-21, confirming and extending the declared state of emergency through the adjournment of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2020, the City passed Ordinance No. 20-23, confirming and extending the declared state of emergency through the adjournment of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2020, the City passed Ordinance No. 20-24, confirming and extending the declared state of emergency through the adjournment of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2020, the City passed Ordinance No. 20-26, confirming and extending the declared state of emergency through the adjournment of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2020, the City passed Ordinance No. 20-29, confirming and extending the declared state of emergency through the adjournment of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2020, the City passed Ordinance No. 20-29, confirming and extending the declared state of emergency through the adjournment of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2020, the City passed Ordinance No. 20-35, confirming and extending the declared state of emergency through the adjournment of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2020, the City passed Ordinance No. 20-37, confirming and extending the declared state of emergency through the adjournment of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2020, the City passed Ordinance No. 20-38, confirming and extending the declared state of emergency through the adjournment of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rolling Meadows must take actions to contain and mitigate the local impact of the virus outbreak and provide for the continuity of government, activation of the City emergency operation plans, provide for the continuation of essential services and provide for the health and safety of all City residents; and

WHEREAS, while the City is currently responding to this COVID-19 pandemic, it is deemed necessary and in the interest of the people of the City, in accordance with the City's responsibility to ensure public health and safety and pursuant to the authority vested in the City pursuant to the laws of the State of Illinois, including Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, and Section 11-1-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code and Chapter 26 of the City Code, to declare that a disaster emergency exists within the City and renew and continue the emergency powers of the Mayor.

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

1. RECITALS. The facts and statements contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

2. DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY AND DISASTER. It is hereby determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the City that the findings, determinations and declaration of the Mayor on March 16, 2020, as approved by Resolution 20-R-28, and subsequently extended by the City Council, that a state of emergency and a disaster exist due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak are hereby affirmed and that the actions taken by the Mayor resulting from and in furtherance of that declaration are hereby ratified and affirmed. It is further determined that the state of emergency and disaster due to the COVID-19 outbreak continues to exist in the City of Rolling Meadows.

3. EXECUTIVE ORDER. The Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to continue to exercise by executive order the extraordinary emergency powers and authority as originally authorized in Ordinance No. 20-10, as extended, and as may be reasonably necessary to respond to the emergency during the time that this state of emergency exists.

4. DURATION. This Ordinance shall remain in effect through the adjournment of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City, provided, however, that the Ordinance shall immediately cease to be effective upon a declaration by the Governor or the Mayor that the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic no longer exists.

5. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AND ENFORCE. The officials, officers, employees and agents of the City are authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as are necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Ordinance. The Mayor, police officers, and all other officers and employees of the City shall enforce the rules and regulations so adopted and orders issued by the Mayor pursuant to this Ordinance.

6. NOTICE. This Ordinance extending the declared state of emergency shall be filed with the City Clerk, be made available for public inspection and to any news media situated in the City, and shall be posted at the City Hall and on the City's website.

7. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application of any provision of this Ordinance, is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such occurrence shall not affect other provisions of this Ordinance, or their application, that can be given effect without the unconstitutional or invalid provision or its application. Each unconstitutional or invalid provision, or application of such provision, is severable, unless otherwise provided by this Ordinance.

8. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

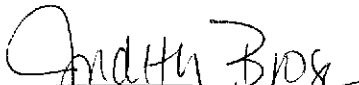
ABSTAIN: 0

Passed and approved this 22nd day of September, 2020.



Joe Gallo, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judith Brose, Deputy City Clerk