



Legislation Text

File #: 23-087, **Version:** 1

ACTION REQUESTED:

Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.

BACKGROUND: In late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) occurred. COVID-19 is a novel virus that can cause severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people and present symptoms similar to influenza. As of March 14, 2023, the CDC Community level for Peoria is "Medium" and the Illinois Department of Public Health reports 80.8/100,000 for a case rate, 22% of ICU beds available, 1 confirmed Covid-19 diagnosed hospital admission and 1 weekly deaths. The Governor has issued a Declaration of Emergency that is currently in place through April 1, 2023, given the transmission of COVID-19 throughout Illinois.

The Mayor's Declaration of Emergency must be renewed after each regularly or special scheduled council meeting. The Mayor intends to renew the Declaration of Emergency to include the following:

1. Implement COVID protocols for City facilities.
2. Evaluate and create temporary procedures for public board and commission meetings to be conducted remotely in accordance with the Open Meetings Act as in-person meetings are not practical or prudent.
3. Evaluate and implement staffing adjustments, work schedules and alternate working arrangements, where necessary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: To be determined.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS: None.

IMPACT IF APPROVED: The Mayor's Declaration of Emergency will continue to allow changes as noted above.

IMPACT IF DENIED: The changes noted above could still be implemented by the Mayor over the Council's objection.

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

EEO CERTIFICATION NUMBER: N/A

WHICH OF THE GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE COUNCIL'S 2017 - 2032 STRATEGIC PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION ADVANCE?

1. Safe Peoria

WHICH CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR(S) FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENT?

1. Have an efficient government.

DEPARTMENT: Legal