

# Declaration of Local State of Emergency

State of Illinois  
County of Peoria  
City of Peoria

May 26, 2020

Pursuant to the authority vested in the office of the Mayor by the Illinois Municipal Code Section 5/11-1-6, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act Section 3305/11 and Ordinance Sec. 7-35.2 of the City of Peoria, I, Jim Ardis, the Mayor of the City of Peoria do hereby declare that a Local State of Emergency exists as of this date, Tuesday, May 26, 2020, and shall continue until such time as provided in Ordinance Sec. 7-35.2, the first regular meeting of the City Council on June 9, 2020 or a duly called and noticed special City Council meeting prior to June 9, 2020.

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. Despite efforts to contain the disease, the World Health Organization (WHO) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) indicate it will continue to spread. And cause widespread impacts on the health of members of the community.

During the existence of the Local State of Emergency, the Mayor shall execute such orders which are imminently necessary for the protection of life as provided under the Illinois Municipal Code, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act and Ordinance Sec. 7-35.2, including, but not limited to:

- Limit public access to City Hall and other public buildings in order to provide continuity of City services.
- Evaluate and create temporary procedures for public meetings, subject to additional guidance from the Governor's Office, the Illinois Attorney General or other State and Federal agencies.
- Cancel any Commission meetings that cannot be conducted remotely.
- Evaluate and implement staffing adjustments, work schedules and alternate working arrangements, if necessary.
- Authorize any emergency purchases to assist in the mitigation of COVID-19.
- Activate the City's Emergency Operations Plan.
- Enter into contracts for the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials and the appropriate expenditures and disposition of public funds and property as necessary.
- Implement re-opening plans as allowed or directed by the State of Illinois.

This Declaration of Local State of Emergency shall be filed with the City Clerk as soon as practicable.

I, Jim Ardis, whose name is signed to this instrument, being first duly sworn, signed and executed the instrument as the Declaration of Local State of Emergency, and that I signed willingly, and that I executed it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed.

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Jim Ardis, Mayor

**NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, personally appeared the above-named Jim Ardis and acknowledged the foregoing to be his free act and deed, before me.

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Notary

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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