

## **Declaration of Local State of Emergency**

State of Illinois  
County of Peoria  
City of Peoria  
February 22, 2022

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, Rita Ali, the Mayor of the City of Peoria do hereby declare that a Local State of Emergency exists as of this date, Tuesday, February 22, 2022, and shall continue until such time as provided in Ordinance Sec. 7-35.2, the first regular meeting of the City Council on March 8, 2022 or a duly called and noticed special City Council meeting prior to March 8, 2022.

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, as of February 22, 2022 Peoria County has a 10.22% positivity rate and is classified as a “High” level of transmission per the CDC. The Governor has issued a Declaration of Emergency that is currently in place through March 5, 2022 given the transmission of the Omicron variant throughout Illinois.

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:

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.
3. Evaluate and implement staffing adjustments, work schedules and alternate working arrangements, where necessary.
4. Authorize any emergency purchases to assist in the mitigation of COVID-19, where necessary.
5. Activate the City’s Emergency Operations Plan, where necessary.

6. 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.

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

I, Rita Ali, 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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Mayor Rita Ali

**NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, personally appeared the above-named Rita Ali and acknowledged the foregoing to be her free act and deed, before me.

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

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