

**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a novel strain of the coronavirus, was detected in December 2019, and has subsequently spread throughout numerous countries and the United States, including Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, international organizations, the federal, state, and local governments are all working together to contain COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, citing the World Health Organization's declaration of a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services declaration of a Public Health Emergency, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by Executive Order #72 on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Horicon has been working to protect the community from the spread of this disease, and to prepare for the impacts it may have; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health and well-being of residents and visitors, the City of Horicon must avail itself of all resources needed to respond to and contain the presence of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, James R. Grigg, Mayor of the City of Horicon, Wisconsin, on behalf of all the Citizens of Horicon and the staff of the City government, hereby declare, as follows

1. There does now exist within the City of Horicon a Public Health Emergency, as defined in Wis. Stat § 323.02(16), and as such, I hereby declare a Public Health Emergency within the City of Horicon, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11, due to an imminent threat of conditions that will impair transportation, food or fuel supplies, medical care, fire, health or police protection, or other critical systems of the City.
2. During the existence of said declared Public Health Emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the emergency management organization of the City of Horicon shall be those prescribed by state law, and by Horicon city ordinances and resolutions, the City of Horicon Emergency Operations Plan, and Horicon's Comprehensive Emergency Management Program.
3. All City of Horicon Departments shall, as necessary and appropriate, work cooperatively with internal and external stakeholders and take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent and respond to incidents of COVID-19 in the community.

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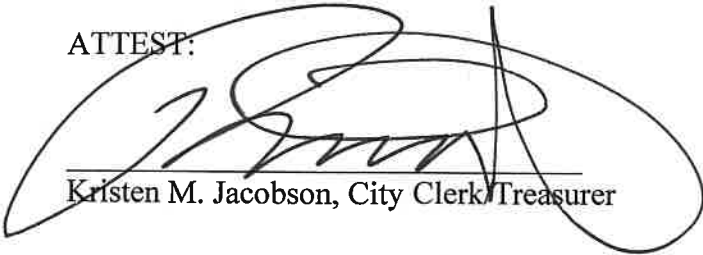
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4. The City of Horicon Emergency Manager shall implement the City of Horicon Emergency Operations Plan, coordinate the City's response to the existing Emergency, and coordinate with County and State emergency management personnel as required by law. The City of Horicon Director of Health and Human Services/Health Officer, as an Incident Commander for the Public Health Emergency, will serve in conjunction with the Emergency Manager, and shall serve as the Public Information Officer during the term of this Emergency.
5. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11, this Proclamation Declaring a Public Health Emergency, and the period of the emergency shall be in effect and in place until June 1, 2020 from the date hereof, subject to any future Common Council action by way of resolution, or in the event of the Common Council being unable to meet promptly, by way of proclamation by the Mayor, to reduce such effect and time period, or to extend same, or to amend the provisions hereof.
6. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.14(b), upon current facts, the Common Council of the City of Horicon is unable to meet promptly, and it is necessary and expedient that this Proclamation be declared accordingly, and further, that during the period of Public Health Emergency proclaimed hereunder, Common Council members are authorized to individually attend meetings of the Common Council by way of telephone communications, electronic video conferencing, or other suitable means consistent with open government laws to the extent reasonably possible and such attendance is hereby authorized.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2020


James R. Grigg, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kristen M. Jacobson, City Clerk/Treasurer