

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

Whereas, the World Health Organization has reported an outbreak of tens of thousands of cases and thousands of deaths associated with Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) in multiple countries across the globe; and

Whereas, the World Health Organization has declared that COVID-19 should now be characterized as a pandemic, meaning that states and governments should act appropriately to contain any potential outbreak; and

Whereas, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a national public health emergency; and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have confirmed an outbreak of COVID-19 and cases have been identified in all 50 states; and

Whereas, on March 9, 2020, multiple individuals tested presumptive positive for COVID-19 within the state of Iowa; and

Whereas, on March 9, 2020, the State of Iowa declared a State of Disaster related to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency to combat the outbreak of COVID-19; and

Whereas, on November 16, 2020, I issued a Proclamation of Emergency for the City of Pleasant Hill related to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

Whereas, on April 2, 2021, the Governor of Iowa extended the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency through May 2, 2021; and

Whereas, the Center of Disease Control recommends social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

Whereas, temporary relief from portions of the City's zoning ordinance would facilitate the ability of some business operations to creatively serve the public; and

Whereas, it may continue to be necessary for the City of Pleasant Hill to act quickly and decisively to implement the disaster response plan of any State or Federal agency, or to otherwise act in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Pleasant Hill during this time of emergency to ensure continuity of city operations; and

Now, Therefore, I, Sara Kurovski, Mayor of the City of Pleasant Hill, Iowa, proclaim an extension to the **Time of Emergency** for the entire City of Pleasant Hill, Iowa, pursuant to Iowa Code § 372.14 and Section 15.02 of the City of Pleasant Hill Code of Ordinances and do hereby state the following:

Section 1. That during this Time of Emergency, I may, if necessary, provide direction and coordinate public safety operations and efforts related to preventing the spread of COVID-19 so that the City can act quickly and decisively to protect the City and its citizens, including ordering the curtailment or the cessation of certain activities in the City.

Section 2. That I am temporarily authorizing the City Manager to suspend any provisions of the Employee Handbook for the City of Pleasant Hill and take other necessary actions regarding City personnel in order to implement the recommendations of the World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Federal Government and State of Iowa of preventing the spread of COVID-19. This may include, but is not limited to, suspending pre-approved travel, preventing attendance at large gatherings or conferences, providing resources for staff to work from home, and any other necessary actions.

Section 3. That it may become necessary to close City facilities, limit services, and modify hours of operation. These changes may require some City employees to stay home from work. I hereby authorize the City Manager to continue to pay all employees, including part-time and seasonal employees, in the event those employees are ordered to stay home from work.

Section 4. That the Doanes' Park Youth Center shall reopen to the public beginning April 2, 2021 with capacity limited to 32 persons. That the Library is closed until reopening to the public on February 8, 2021. Library and Recreation services will also remain available to the extent possible through curbside pick up and drop off of Library materials and electronic access to programming. City Parks will remain open and available to the public.

Section 5. The provisions of this proclamation shall be effective immediately and this proclamation of emergency shall expire on May 2, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

Section 6. This proclamation may be amended, extended, or repealed at any time.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of April 2021.

Sara Kurovski, Mayor

ATTEST:

J. Benjamin Champ, City Manager