

ORDINANCE 2020 – O - 23

**ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND EXTENDING
MAYORAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared that a national emergency arising from the widespread threat of serious illness and death due to the Coronavirus and COVID-19 was in effect immediately, and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois declared that a statewide emergency was in effect relating to the same issues, and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Chairman of the Lake County Board similarly declared that a county-wide emergency was in effect, again relating to the same issues, and

WHEREAS, further Executive Orders, disaster declarations and related directives with the force of law have been issued by the Governor and health officials with the net effect of extending the statewide emergency with a multi-phase recovery program that allows an orderly reopening of business and civic ventures without unnecessarily endangering the populace through a recurrence of viral infections, all of which will take an indefinite period of time to come, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Winthrop Harbor and its populace is neither more, nor less susceptible to the infection of Coronavirus and the COVID-19 disease it causes than the national, state or county populations, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Winthrop Harbor continues to need access to the full emergency powers established by law, including emergency funding for first responders and containment measures, but including all other powers and funding allowed by applicable law, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Village of Winthrop Harbor initially exercised the emergency powers granted to him by 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6 by declaring a Village-wide emergency existed on March 16, 2020, and he has since issued additional similar declarations of Village-wide emergency, which correspond to the ongoing nature of the coronavirus pandemic, and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Village Board adopted Ordinance 2020 – O – 6 ratifying the said exercise of emergency powers, and again on May 5, 2020, June 2, 2020, July 7, 2020, September 1, 2020, October 6, 2020 and November 4, 2020 the Village Board adopted Ordinances again ratifying the exercise of emergency powers, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's phased recovery plan includes provisions which will allow some businesses to reopen within specific limits, and the Mayor has issued a renewed and supplemental emergency order on June 2, 2020 which authorized the Village's bars and restaurants to remain open for carryout and delivery, but also to include strictly limited inside seating as well as outside sales within the parameters described in the recovery plan, but particularly limited to reasonable hours of operation to fairly balance the needs of the business community and the interests of the residents for peace and quiet in their homes, which order has since been extended, most recently on October 6, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Winthrop Harbor finds that it is appropriate, necessary and in the best interest of the populace of the Village that it again ratify the Mayor's declaration of emergency, ratify all acts taken pursuant to the prior emergency order to date and to extend the same for so long as the Governor's Executive Orders declaring a statewide emergency remains in effect, to the maximum period of time allowed by law,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the state of emergency declared by the Mayor on March 16, 2020, originally ratified in Ordinance 2020 – O – 6, and ratified subsequently in Ordinance 2020 – O – 7, Ordinance 2020 – O - 9, Ordinance 2020 – O - 10, Ordinance 2020- O - 14, Ordinance 2020-O-15 and Ordinance 2020-O-20 is hereby ratified again; the acts and actions taken by the Mayor and the Administrator working under his direction in furtherance of that declaration since March 16, 2020 are ratified.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayoral Seventh Supplemental and Renewed Declaration of Continuing Emergency Relating To Coronavirus issued on November 30, 2020 and the exercise of emergency powers described therein is hereby ratified.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED the Mayor is granted full emergency authority provided by law, including but not limited to the power to enter into contracts relating to public health services and purchases described in 65 ILCS 5/8-10-5 and the extension of working hours required of first responders described in 65 ILCS 5/10-3-6 during the term of this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this state of emergency is in effect until such time as the Governor shall declare the end of the statewide emergency, or until the first regular meeting of the Village Board in January, currently scheduled for January 5, 2020, whichever comes first.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all persons should cooperate fully with all local, county, state and federal officials with jurisdiction over emergency management and public health in assisting the containment and mitigation of the effects of this virus and the disease it causes.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval, pursuant to law.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2020.

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