

2020-O-6
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RATIFYING
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, 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 needs 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 exercised the emergency powers granted to him by 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6 by declaring a Village-wide emergency exists on March 16, 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 ratify the Mayor's declaration of emergency, and the same should be extended initially to April 7, 2020, at which time, it may be extended again pursuant to applicable law and pursuant to further public health information that will likely be available at that time,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the state of emergency declared by the Mayor on March 16, 2020 is hereby ratified, and 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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this state of emergency is in effect until 11:59 on April 7, 2020 or the end of the next regular Village Board meeting currently scheduled for that date, whichever is later, at which meeting, the extension of the state of emergency shall be considered.

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 17th day of March, 2020.



DR. MICHAEL BRUNO
Mayor, Village of Winthrop Harbor, Illinois



JULIE RITTENHOUSE
Clerk, Village of Winthrop Harbor, Illinois