

2020-O-7
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, further Executive Orders, disaster declarations and related directives with the force of law have been issued by the President, Governor and health officials with the net effect of extending the statewide emergency until at least the end of May, 2020, and possibly longer, 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 exercised the emergency powers granted to him by 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6 by declaring a Village-wide emergency exists and continues on May1, 2020, and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Village Board adopted Ordinance 2020-O-6 ratifying the said exercise of emergency powers, 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 is hereby ratified again; the acts and actions taken by the Mayor and the Administrator working under his direction in furtherance of the declaration since March 16, 2020 are ratified.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED the Mayor is granted full emergency authority provided by law, including but not limited to the power 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 June, currently scheduled for June 2, 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 5th day of May, 2020.

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

JULIE RITTENHOUSE
Clerk, Village of Winthrop Harbor, Illinois