

RESOLUTION 2020-3-37

**CITY OF LITTLE CANADA
RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING A LOCAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the virus named "SARS-Co V-2," is a new strain of coronavirus that has not previously been identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person and which causes a disease named "coronavirus disease 2019," commonly known as "COVID-19," which is a respiratory disease that can result in serious injury or death; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020 the first case of COVID-19 was detected in the United States; on March 6, 2020 the first case of COVID-19 was detected in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz declared a Peacetime State of Emergency to authorize and all necessary resources to be used in support of the COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, as of March 25, 2020 the World Health Organization Situation Report confirmed a total of 416,686 cases of COVID-19 in 197 countries, including 18,589 deaths; and as of March 25, 2020 there are 287 known cases of COVID-19 in Minnesota, including 27 cases in Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, Benefits to the City of Little Canada for participation in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's comprehensive performance measurement program are outlined in MS 6.91 and include eligibility for a reimbursement as set by State statute; and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been identified by the World Health Organization as a pandemic, and the United States Centers for Disease Control has provided guidance for individuals, healthcare professionals, and businesses to slow the spread of COVID-19, which include cancelling or postponing in-person events that involve more than fifty people for eight weeks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Little Canada's Mayor, Administrator and Emergency Management Team have been working diligently with local, state, and federal partners to maintain situational awareness and respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, additional local cases will trigger a more aggressive public health response and are predicted to impact residents of Little Canada and those who work in the City, including City employees; and the need for social distancing, school closings, and quarantine methods to stop the spread of COVID-19 is expected to cause significant challenges; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, City Administrator, Board of Health and Emergency Management Team find that this situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the community and will cause a significant impact on the ability of public safety personnel to address any immediate dangers to the public as a result of COVID-19; and

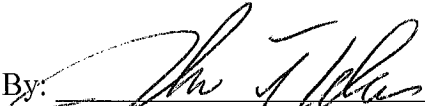
WHEREAS, the City Council, City Administrator, Board of Health and Emergency Management Team find that traditional sources of financial aid, assistance and relief may not be able to compensate for the potential impact of COVID-19, and have determined the necessary resources to respond to and recover from this pandemic will exceed those resources available within the City of Little Canada and additional resources will be needed from Ramsey County and state and federal sources.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLE CANADA AS FOLLOWS:

1. Under the authority given by Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.29, declares that a local emergency exists within the City of Little Canada, effective March 25, 2020, with all the powers and responsibilities attendant thereto as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12, and further proclaims that such emergency constitutes a declared emergency.
2. Directs City Staff to review ordinance and regulatory requirements, operations, civil and legal proceedings, events, and resources to determine whether the foregoing should be adjusted or suspended, and to make recommendations regarding additional emergency regulations to support the employees and residents of the City of Little Canada.
3. Directs all City departments and offices to operate and support the response to this incident, under the direction and coordination of the City Administrator, Board of Health, and Emergency Management Team, including implementing new employee protocols, strategies, and processes to ensure that public services are maintained.
4. Directs the appropriate City Staff to request and coordinate appropriate aid and resources from surrounding jurisdictions, Ramsey County, the State of Minnesota, and the Federal government, as needed.
5. Declares, under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021, that in-person meetings of the City Council, Planning Commission, and other advisory commissions of the City of Little Canada are not practical or prudent due to the COVID-19 health pandemic and the peacetime emergency declared by Governor Walz pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12.

- Determines that meetings of the City Council, Planning Commission, and other advisory commissions of the City may be conducted by telephone or other electronic means, and hereby directs City Staff to take such action as may be necessary to enable such meetings to occur via telephone or other electronic means pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021, until such time as it is no longer impractical or imprudent for the City Council, Planning Commission, and other advisory commission to resume in-person meetings.

Adopted this 25th day of March, 2020 by the City Council of the City of Little Canada.

By: 
John T. Keis, Mayor

Attest: 
Chris Heineman, City Administrator

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