



## City of Shawano

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### PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY CITY OF SHAWANO COVID-19 RESPONSE

WHEREAS, a novel strain of the coronavirus, named COVID-19 has spread throughout numerous countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Wisconsin Governor, Tony Evers issued Order #72 relating to a Proclamation Declaring a Health Emergency in Response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that on March 24, 2020 the State of Wisconsin will mandate a SaferAtHome order closing all non-essential businesses and services statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to sections 323.11 and 323.14 (4) of the Wisconsin State Statutes, the City of Shawano hereby declares a local State of Emergency for the City of Shawano. During the State of Emergency, it is hereby ordered that the City of Shawano will make all of its resources available to adopt, implement, and support all actions and recommendations of Federal, State and County public health agencies.

#### IT IS FURTHER CONSIDERED that:

1. All in-person meetings and gatherings involving City employees, staff and/or elected officials are suspended for the duration of this emergency. All meetings of the Common Council, Committees, Commissions and/or Boards may be conducted remotely, with access granted to the public to the full extent practicable.
2. All City of Shawano non-essential personnel will either work from home or be excused from work per the specifications laid out within the Shawano Health Emergency Preparedness Plan and Response Directive.
3. All City sponsored events will either be cancelled or rescheduled during the emergency.
4. Public access to City facilities shall be limited. To the extent possible, all operations shall be made available on-line and/or available for external drop off to the City.
5. All City of Shawano business travel is suspended for the duration of the emergency.
6. The City may take further action deemed reasonable and necessary to prevent exposure to and/or spread of COVID-19, including complying with all federal, state and county laws, rules and/or orders that they may issue.
7. Further suspensions of applicable ordinances, resolutions, and city policies may be taken should the circumstances warrant them necessary, in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Shawano.

Under 32.14(4)(b) of the Wisconsin State Statutes, this proclamation shall be subject to ratification, alteration, modification or repeal by the governing body as soon as that body can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the governing body shall not affect the proper validity of this proclamation. As Chief Elected Official of the City of Shawano in testimony whereof I, Mayor Ed Whealon, have hereunto set my hand and have caused the great seal of the City of Shawano to be affixed.

THIS DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY for the City of Shawano is hereby enacted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020.

Signed:   
Ed Whealon, Mayor