

CITY OF GREENWOOD, MINNESOTA



Mayoral Declaration; Declaring A Local Emergency

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Greenwood, Minnesota ("Mayor") finds that the following local emergency ("Emergency") exists in the City of Greenwood, Minnesota ("City"):

1. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization determined that the COVID-19 outbreak constitutes a pandemic. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national state of emergency as a result of the pandemic.
2. On March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01 declaring a state of peacetime emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota. The Governor's Executive Order triggered activation of the City's emergency management plan and enabled the City to exercise its emergency powers.
3. The spread of COVID-19 in the United States and Minnesota has raised serious public health concerns and resulted in a great deal of uncertainty. Much remains unknown about the virus and how rapidly it will spread.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.29 authorizes the Mayor to declare the existence of the Emergency in order to, among other things, invoke portions of the City's emergency management plan not invoked by the actions noted above, and authorize aid and services under cooperative agreements; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.37 authorizes the City, acting through its governing body, to: (1) enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to protect the health and safety of persons and property and by providing emergency assistance to the victims; and (2) exercise powers under that section quickly without compliance with the more time-consuming procedures and formalities otherwise prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the Emergency is sudden and could not have been anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that this situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the community and threatens the provision and delivery of City services as a result of the Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the Emergency poses a significant risk to public health, safety, and welfare if not immediately addressed.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of the City of Greenwood, Minnesota, I declare that a local Emergency exists in the City of Greenwood, Minnesota. This declaration of a local emergency invokes all necessary parts of the City's emergency plan including, but not limited to, all appropriate community containment and mitigation strategies. To the extent normal state laws and City policies and procedures impede an efficient response or compliance with federal and state directives and recommendations, the Emergency Manager and other staff I may designate in writing are authorized to suspend compliance with those laws, policies, and procedures and to take those actions necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

Dated: March 31, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra J. Kind".

Debra J. Kind
Mayor, City of Greenwood