

CITY OF LAKEFIELD PROCLAMATION AND DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the virus named COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus that has not previously been identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; 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 all necessary resources to be used in support of the COVID-19 response; 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN ROSSOW, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAKEFIELD, HEREBY PROCLAIM:

1. The City Staff is directed 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 Lakefield
2. All City departments and offices are directed to operate and support the response to this incident, under the direction and coordination of the Emergency Management Director and Emergency Management Team, including implementing new employee protocols, strategies, and processes to ensure that public services are maintained.
3. Directs the Administrative Clerk and other appropriate City staff to request and coordinate appropriate aid and resources from surrounding jurisdictions, Jackson County, the State of Minnesota, and the Federal government, as needed.
4. 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 Lakefield 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, and hereby directs that meetings of the City Council, Lakefield Economic Development Authority, Lakefield Public Utilities Commission and other advisory commissions of the City shall be conducted by telephone or other electronic means, as necessary 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 commissions to resume in-person meetings.

Dated this 18th day of March 2020

Mayor Brian Rossow