



**VILLAGE OF NORTH BAY**  
**Proclamation of State of Emergency**

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization designated the 2019 novel Coronavirus outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; the United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a Public Health Emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to the 2019 novel Coronavirus “COVID-19.” COVID-19 is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease; the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States, significantly affect the lives and health of our people, as well as the economy, and is a disaster that impacts the health, security and safety of the public; and,

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 13, 2020, the State of Wisconsin and the federal government declared a State of Emergency, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 13, 2020, Racine County issued a Declaration of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 13, 2020, March 16, 2020 and March 17, 2020, the State of Wisconsin declared a public health emergency and issued orders closing schools, limiting gatherings of more than 10 people, closed restaurants and bars to in-dining consumption, and made several other orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the “Safer at Home” order of March 24<sup>th</sup> mandating that only essential services shall generally continue during the pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 Pandemic has impacted, or is expected to impact the Village of North Bay, Wisconsin and these conditions pose a continuing and substantial threat to public order, life, health and safety of the citizens of the Village; and,

**WHEREAS**, as of April 2, 2020, there were 1,730 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State of Wisconsin, in nearly every county, and 31 deaths; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CDC expects that widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States will continue to occur, and that in the coming months, most of the U.S. population will be exposed to this virus; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CDC anticipates that widespread transmission of COVID-19 could translate into large numbers of people needing medical care at the same time, causing public health and healthcare systems to become overloaded, and affecting other critical infrastructure, such as law enforcement, emergency medical services, and sectors of the transportation industry; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19 and no medications approved to treat it; instead the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus, which also delays the spread of the virus and reduces the impact of disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village, in cooperation with the local, state and federal governmental entities, desires to take action to prevent exposure to and spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, because of emergency conditions, the Village Board of the Village of North Bay is unable to meet with promptness and in person; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to sections 323.11 and 323.14(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes it is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, welfare and good order of the Village of North Bay to proclaim that emergency conditions exist; and

**WHEREAS**, these emergency conditions require a proactive response to stop the spread of COVID-19, including providing support to implement federal, state, and county public health operations and recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency may cause the Village of North Bay to extend, commit and exhaust its pertinent available resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of North Bay requests State assistance and advises the State of Wisconsin of our emergency conditions:

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED**, that pursuant to Sections 323.11 and 323.14(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, in order to protect the public peace, health and safety, preserve lives and property, economic stability, and insure cooperation and coordination, I, as the Village President of the Village of North Bay, Wisconsin, hereby proclaim a local State of Emergency, and I hereby assume authority as necessary to:

- Authorize such purchases of additional goods, materials and services necessary for the continued operation of the Village during this State of Emergency until such expenditures can be reviewed and acted upon by the Village Board; and,
- Authorize the procurement of such labor force costs as may prove necessary to address emergency conditions as they arise until such expenditures can be reviewed and acted upon by the Village Board; and,
- Authorize the payment of expenses authorized by the Village's Budget and such additional expenses caused by the State of Emergency, after review of such expenses by appropriate Village personnel, until such expenditures can be reviewed and acted upon by the Village Board; and,
- Authorize interim COVID-19 employment and employee policies, until such policies can be reviewed and acted upon by the Village Board; and,
- Authorize such meetings of the Village Board and other Village bodies and staff as are necessary to address conditions and to conduct such business as deemed necessary, including the convening of meetings via telephone, electronic or other unconventional means, and including authority to waive any procedural impediments that would otherwise apply, provided that even such meetings shall comply with the letter and spirit of all applicable State and Village ordinances to the maximum extent

possible under the circumstances, including allowing public access via other means, such as audio or video conferencing, where such access can be reasonably arranged for; and,

- Suspend any requirements for a citizen comment period on any Village meeting agenda while this Proclamation is in effect until reasonable arrangements can be made that are not disruptive to the meeting; and
- Request Assistance from the State and advise the State of Wisconsin of our emergency situation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, during the State of Emergency, it is hereby ordered that the full allocation of Village resources be available to ensure the continuation of core Village services in the midst of the pandemic and that the Village of North Bay will make all of its resources available to adopt, implement, and support all actions and recommendations of Federal, State, County and local public health officers and agencies; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, in anticipation of federal and state relief and reimbursement becoming available, all Village departments shall track expenses related to efforts to protect the public and prevent the spread of COVID-19, and other public sector entities within the Village are encouraged to do the same; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, Village facilities are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions, including but not limited to, the rescheduling and cancelling of events and limiting public access to portions of their facilities, as they deem reasonable and necessary to prevent exposure to and/or spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, this Proclamation shall take effect immediately and shall continue in effect until May 25th, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. or such earlier time as a quorum of the Village Board convenes and rescinds the Proclamation or acts directly on a Declaration of Emergency either by resolution or ordinance. Under 323.14(4)(b), Wis. Stats., 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 Village of North Bay in testimony whereof I, Roger Mellem, have hereunto set my hand.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2020

*Roger Mellem*

Roger Mellem, President, Village of North Bay

Attest: *Dori A. Panthofer*

Dori A. Panthofer, Clerk, Village of North Bay