



## **Declaration of Local State of Emergency**

State of Illinois  
County of Lake  
City of North Chicago

### **I. Findings.**

I, Leon Rockingham, Jr., Mayor of the City of North Chicago, being first duly sworn under penalty of perjury, attest to the truthfulness of the following:

- A. The nature of the emergency is the global pandemic resulting from COVID-19.
- B. COVID-19 is a severe respiratory illness, caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, a new strain of coronavirus that is spread from person to person, posing a threat to the health and safety of the residents of the City of North Chicago.
- C. No drug or vaccine is currently available to treat or prevent COVID-19.
- D. The United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a national public health emergency for COVID-19 on January 27, 2020.
- E. On March 9, 2020, Governor Pritzker declared all counties in the State of Illinois as disaster areas (Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation) resulting from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).
- F. The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on March 11, 2020.
- G. On March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump issued a declaration of a national emergency due to the growing COVID-19 crisis in the United States.
- H. Preparedness, response and recovery from the COVID-19 virus is of paramount importance and the virus has the risk of substantially endangering the health, safety and property of the citizens of the City of North Chicago.

### **II. Declaration of Emergency.**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the office of Mayor by the Illinois Municipal Code Section 5/11-1-6, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act Section 3305/11 and Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 10 / Ord. No. 2011-108 of the City of North Chicago City Code, I, Leon Rockingham, Jr, the Mayor of the City of North Chicago do hereby declare that a Local State of Emergency exists as of this date, March 16, 2020, and shall continue until not later than the adjournment of the first regular meeting of the city council after the state of emergency is declared.

During the existence of the Local State of Emergency, the Mayor shall execute such authority as provided under the Illinois Municipal Code, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act and Ordinance 2011-108. Without limiting the foregoing grant of authority, I currently intend to exercise during the term of this emergency declaration only that power which is necessary to make and approve purchases and wages, to manage the assignment and allocation of personnel, equipment and materials of the City, and to generally enforce the guidelines, orders and regulations issued by the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Governor of the State of Illinois, and State and local departments of public health.

This Declaration of Local State of Emergency shall be filed with the City of North Chicago Clerk as soon as practicable.

I, Leon Rockingham, Jr., whose name is signed to this instrument, being first duly sworn, signed and executed the instrument as the Declaration of Local State of Emergency, and that I signed willingly, and that I executed it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed.

  
Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr.

### NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On this 16<sup>th</sup> of March, 2020, personally appeared the above-named Leon Rockingham, Jr. and acknowledged the foregoing to be (his/her) free act and deed, before me.

Commission Expires: Oct 16, 2021

(Seal)



 My

Notary Public

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