

CITY OF URBANA, IOWA

Urbana City Council

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the public health and safety of the City of Urbana, Iowa, as outlined by the Center for Disease Control ("CDC"); and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Public Health ("IDPH") has now determined that community spread of COVID-19 has occurred in the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Section 372.14(2) of the Code of Iowa (2019) grants the Mayor powers to declare an emergency and govern through proclamation to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Urbana; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitch McDonough, the duly elected Mayor of the City of Urbana, Iowa, do hereby proclaim the following:

- 1. That a state of emergency or public danger exists within the City of Urbana because of the threat of the spread of the COVID-19 virus.**
- 2. That based upon the advice of the CDC and other public health agencies, I hereby declare that the Urbana City Hall will open to the general public with city Staff reporting as normal. Effective September 11, 2020, hours of operation will be 7:30am to 11:30 and noon to 3:45pm, closing 15 minutes early for proper disinfecting. Official meetings of the Urbana City Council shall be open to the public as required by state and federal law.**
- 3. That again based upon the advice of the CDC and public health agencies, I furthermore hereby confirm the Urbana Community Center will remain closed through December 31st 2020. Opening of the Community Center will be reevaluated by the city council at the first January council meeting in 2021. The Urbana Library (currently residing in City Hall) will remain closed until the same time the Urbana Community Center is reopened. At this time, the city park playground equipment has been reopened to the public beginning at the execution of this Proclamation.**
- 4. That pursuant to CDC recommendations and the Governor's mandate in proclamation of disaster emergency dated June 25th, 2020, gatherings of more than ten (10) or more people may be held, but only if the gathering complies with all other relevant provision in the proclamation pertaining to all social distancing, hygiene, and other public health measures.**
- 5. That pursuant to the Governor's mandate in proclamation of disaster emergency dated June 25th, 2020, that all restaurants, bars, fitness centers, theaters, senior citizen centers and adult day care facilities in Urbana may reopen; with the understanding that all social distancing, hygiene, and other public health measures stated in the proclamation are adhered to.**
- 6. That this Proclamation of Emergency may be modified and/or superseded by future proclamation of the Office of the Mayor of Urbana as future events warrant.**
- 7. That any violation of any proclamation of the Office of the Mayor of the City of Urbana, Iowa, shall be enforceable by the Urbana Police Department or Benton County Sheriff's**

Office and any violation of the same shall be a violation of Chapter 1 Section 3 of the Urbana Code of Ordinances and punishable as a simple misdemeanor.

(Urbana Code 1.03 – City Powers - states:

The City may, except as expressly limited by the Iowa Constitution, and if not inconsistent with the laws of the Iowa General Assembly, exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the City and of its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents, and each and every provision of this Code of Ordinances shall be deemed to be in the exercise of the foregoing powers and the performance of the foregoing functions. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.1*)

Dated this 9th day of September, 2020.

By: 

Mitch McDonough, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Traci Wilson, City Clerk