



**CITY OF EDINA
PROCLAMATION
DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, James Hovland, the Mayor of the City of Edina (the “Mayor”) finds that under the authority provided by Chapter 12 and related laws of the State of Minnesota, the following situation (the “Situation”) exists:

Peace Time Emergency Due to COVID 19 Health Pandemic

WHEREAS, the Governor has issued Executive Order 20-01 declaring a peace time emergency and coordinating Minnesota’s Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19 (attached); and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the Situation presents an unforeseen combination of circumstances that is sudden and unforeseen and could not have been anticipated; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that conditions in the City of Edina, Minnesota have worsened considerably as a result of the evolving Situation; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that this Situation poses a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the community, and poses a threat to the continuation and efficient delivery of city services; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the Situation poses a high degree of health risk or may cause extensive personal injury, damage or disaster to the City if not immediately addressed; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that traditional sources of relief are not able to repair or prevent potential injury or loss.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor declares this Situation to be a local emergency effective at Noon on March 16, 2020.

This declaration of a local emergency will invoke the city’s disaster plan (“Plan”) and authorize appropriate community containment and mitigation strategies. Those portions of the Plan that are necessary for response to and recovery from the emergency are hereby authorized. To the extent that existing state laws and city policies and procedures impede an efficient response or compliance with federal and state directives or recommendations, the City Manager, Emergency Management Director, and their designees are hereby authorized to suspend compliance with those existing laws and pertinent policies and procedures as authorized by the Governor’s Declaration and M.S. § 12.32, and to take those actions deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

James Hovland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Scott H. Neal, City Manager

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