



CITY OF LE SUEUR  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jasper Kruggel, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Local Emergency Declaration

DATE: For the City Council Meeting of Monday March 23, 2020

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**PURPOSE**

Consider approval of a resolution declaring a local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**SUMMARY**

Staff is recommending that the Mayor and City Council declare a local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Declaring a local emergency will allow the City to move quickly to adapt to an everchanging landscape related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The components of this local emergency declaration are as follows:

1. By signing this Resolution, Mayor Gregory Hagg declares that the COVID-19 pandemic constitutes a local emergency within the City of Le Sueur, effective March 23, 2020, with all the powers and responsibilities attending thereto as provided, Minn. Stat. Ch. 12, and as otherwise provided for the City of Le Sueur's Charter and City Code.
2. The City Council, by adopting this Resolution, agrees with the Mayor's declaration of a local emergency within the City of Le Sueur and hereby extends such state of local emergency until such time as this resolution is rescinded by the City Council.
3. The Mayor and City Council hereby direct City staff to review City ordinances, regulatory requirements, operations, practices, 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 Le Sueur.
4. The Mayor and City Council hereby direct City staff to operate and support the response to this incident, under the direction and coordination of the City Administrator, including implementing new employee protocols, strategies, and processes to ensure that public services are maintained while best protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public and the City's employees.
5. The Mayor and City Council hereby directs the City's City Administrator and other appropriate City staff to request and coordinate appropriate aid and resources from surrounding jurisdictions, Le Sueur County, the State of Minnesota, and the Federal government, as needed.
6. The Mayor and City Council hereby orders that this declaration be given prompt and general publicity and that it be filed promptly by the City Clerk.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Staff is requesting the following:

A **motion** approving **Resolution R2020-006** – Declaring a Local Emergency – COVID-19 Pandemic

CITY OF LE SUEUR, MINNESOTA  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION **R2020-006**  
DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019, commonly known as “COVID-19,” which is a respiratory disease that can result in serious injury or death, is spreading globally and has been identified by the World Health Organization (“WHO”) as a pandemic; 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, COVID-19 has been confirmed to exist and be spreading within the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz declared a Peacetime State of Emergency to authorize any and all necessary resources to be used in support of the COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 12.29 authorizes the Mayor of the City of Le Sueur to declare a local emergency, and further provides that the state of local emergency may not be continued for a period in excess of three days except by or with the consent of the City Council of the City of Le Sueur; and

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) and Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) have advised that aggressive community mitigation strategies are necessary to slow the transmission of COVID-19, reduce illness and deaths, and limit the economic impacts of the outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is an unforeseen, present, sudden, and unexpected situation, which requires immediate action to be taken to prevent damage to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Le Sueur; and

WHEREAS, the necessary resources to respond to and recover from this pandemic will likely exceed those resources available within the City, and additional resources may be needed from Le Sueur County, and state and federal sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The City of Le Sueur recognizes these things:

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PASSED by the City Council of the City of Le Sueur on this 23rd day of March 2020.

ATTEST

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Mayor

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City Clerk

VOTE:     \_\_\_ HAGG     \_\_\_ FAVOLISE     \_\_\_ HUNTINGTON  
          \_\_\_ KIRBY     \_\_\_ KROGMANN     \_\_\_ SCHLUETER     \_\_\_ SULLIVAN