

**CITY OF DEEPHAVEN
LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION BY MAYOR PAUL SKREDE**

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019, commonly known as COVID-19 or the coronavirus, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death is a new strain of virus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Center for Disease Control has identified the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has had an increasing number of positive test results for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the U.S constitutes a National Emergency; 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, on March 17, 2020, Hennepin County declared a local emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Disease Control and Prevision and the Minnesota Department of Public Health recommend that any individual with confirmed COVID-19 should remain under home isolation precautions until the risk of secondary transmission to others is thought to be low; and

WHEREAS, the necessary resources to respond to and recover from this pandemic will exceed those available within the City, and additional resources will be needed from outside the City, including from county, state, and federal sources; and

WHEREAS, the City will need operational flexibility to respond to and recover from this pandemic.

**NOW THEREFORE, MAYOR PAUL A. SKREDE, OF THE CITY OF DEEPHAVEN
DECLARES, REQUESTS, AND DIRECTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Under the authority given in Minnesota Statutes Sections 12.29 and 12.37, I hereby declare that a local emergency exists within the City of Deephaven, effective March 23,

2020, with all the powers and responsibilities attending thereto as provided by Minnesota Statutes Chapter 12 (Emergency Management) and Deephaven City Code Chapter 505 (Emergency Management).

2. Direct the City Administrator to review with City staff all City operations, proceedings, events, staff and material expenditures, and resources that can and should be adjusted or suspended, or to enact emergency regulations and expenditures to support vital City operations and the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Deephaven during the pandemic.
3. Direct that most City facilities be closed to the general public effective March 23 2020, and that all communication with City employees in those facilities shall occur by telephone, mail, or electronic means.
4. Direct that the City Administrator requests and coordinates appropriate aid and resources from the surrounding jurisdictions and the State of Minnesota, as needed.
5. Declares that meetings of city bodies governed by Minnesota Statutes 13, including city council meetings and meetings of all boards, committees, and commissions of the city, shall be conducted in the city council chambers where social distancing of at least 6 feet per person can be accomplished. In addition, some or all members of the city council and the city's boards, committees, and commissions may participate in such meetings by telephone or other electronic means as deemed by such members to be necessary or prudent. If it is not practical to conduct a city meeting in a manner that allows social distancing or maintains a gathering of less than 10 people, such meeting shall be conducted via telephone or other electronic means only.
6. Requests that the City Council convene as soon as possible to discuss and consent to this declaration, including its duration for a period of time deemed prudent.
7. Orders that this declaration be given prompt and general publicity on the City's website and press releases, and that it be filed promptly by the City Clerk.

Declared this 23rd Day of March, 2020

Paul A. Skrede,
Mayor, City of Deephaven