

Resolution No. 38 (2019-20)

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus now named Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) was detected and has spread throughout many countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tony Evers subsequently declared that a state of emergency existed in the State of Wisconsin as a result of the Public Health Emergency;

WHEREAS, Chapter 5 of the Waupaca County Code of Ordinances and § 323.14, Wis. Stats provides counties with certain emergency powers during states of emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 59.12, Wis. Stats, and Ch. 323, Wis. Stats, Waupaca County Board Chairman Dick Koeppen exercised his authority to proclaim Waupaca County to be in a state of emergency as a result of the Public Health Emergency (See Appendix A); and

WHEREAS, the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors delegates its authority to act in response to this emergency to address emergent issues to the Emergency Management, Terrorism and Safety Committee with staff support from the Emergency Management Director, the Administrative Coordinator, and the Public Health Officer.

WHEREAS, Waupaca County Board of Supervisors recognizes the need for remote meetings to continue governance while this state of emergency exists and authorizes a relaxation of its rules applicable to conducting business as set forth in Waupaca County Code Chapter 2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors that the Public Health Emergency Proclamation executed by the County Board Chair is hereby ratified, and the period of emergency shall be limited to the time during which the emergency conditions exist or are likely to exist.

Passed this 17 day of March, 2020

_____ Ayes _____ Nays

ATTEST:

Jill Lodewegen
Waupaca County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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APPENDIX A

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN WAUPACA COUNTY

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus now named Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) was detected and has spread throughout many countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared a Public Health Emergency; and the Governor of the State of Wisconsin has declared a public health emergency, as defined in Section 323.02(16); and

WHEREAS, the existence of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Wisconsin, constitutes a condition within the County posing an imminent threat of disaster within the meaning of Chapter 323 of the Wisconsin Statutes that could impair medical care, health protection, and other critical systems of Waupaca County; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 5 of the Waupaca County Code of Ordinances and State Statute 323, empowers the County Board Chair, and the Emergency Management Director in the absence of the County Board Chair, or by majority of the County Board, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of local emergency when said county is affected or likely to be affected by a public health emergency and/or extraordinary disturbance and the County Board is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Waupaca County is responsible for the well-being of the public it serves and its

employees and must undertake efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the emergency could cause Waupaca County to expand, commit and exhaust all of its available resources; and could request state assistance and advises the State of Wisconsin of our emergency conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, by the County Board Chair, that a local public health emergency now exists throughout Waupaca County; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, by the County Board Chair, acting under the powers granted pursuant to Sections 323.11 and 323.14 (4) of the Wisconsin Statutes, for and on behalf of the residents of Waupaca County and its employees, will do whatever is necessary and expedient to protect the health and well-being of Waupaca County, including the issuance of directives as may be required until the emergency no longer exists.

Dated this ____ day of March 2020 at ____ am/pm.

Dick Koeppen
County Board Chairperson

NOTE: Under 323.14(4)(b), Stats., this proclamation shall be subject to ratification, alteration, modification or repeal by the governing body as soon as that body can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the governing body shall not affect the proper validity of this proclamation.