

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY
CITY OF ANTIGO COVID-19 RESPONSE**

WHEREAS, a novel strain of the coronavirus, named COVID-19 has spread throughout numerous countries including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers issued Executive Order #72 Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a Health Emergency in Response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the CDC expects that widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States will occur, and that in the coming months, much of the U.S. population will be exposed to this virus; and

WHEREAS, the CDC anticipates that widespread transmission of COVID-19 could translate into large numbers of people needing medical care at the same time, causing public health and healthcare systems to become overloaded, and affecting other critical infrastructure, such as law enforcement, emergency medical services, and sectors of the transportation industry; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19 and no medications approved to treat it; instead the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus, which also delays the spread of the virus and reduces the impact of disease; and

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo is focused on protecting the health, safety, welfare, and good order of the Antigo community, including those members at highest risk; and

WHEREAS, the conditions created by the these public health emergencies pose a continuing and substantial threat to public order, life, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Antigo; and

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo in cooperation with other local, state and federal governmental entities desires to take action to prevent exposure to and spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, because of such emergency conditions, the Common Council is unable to meet with promptness to address the issue immediately; and

WHEREAS, these emergency conditions require a proactive response to stop the spread of COVID-19, including providing support to implement federal, state, and county public health operations and recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to sections 323.11 and 323.14 (4) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the City of Antigo hereby declares a local State of Emergency for the City of Antigo automatically expiring on May 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., unless extended. During the State of Emergency, it is hereby ordered that the City of Antigo will make all of its resources available to adopt, implement, and support all actions and recommendations of Federal, State, and County public health agencies. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that:

1. All meetings of the Common Council, Committees, Boards, and/or Commissions may be conducted with the health and safety of elected officials, employees and staff being given the greatest consideration, with access granted to the public to the full extent practicable.

2. All City sponsored events will either be cancelled or rescheduled during the emergency.

3. Public access to City facilities shall be limited. To the extent possible, all operations shall be made available on-line and/or available for external drop off to the City.

4. All City of Antigo business travel is suspended for the duration of this emergency.

5. The City shall take all further actions reasonable and necessary to prevent exposure to and/or spread of COVID-19, including complying with all federal, state, and county laws, rules, and/or orders as they may issue. 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. As Chief Elected Official of the City of Antigo in testimony whereof I, Mayor Bill Brandt, have hereunto set my hand and have caused the great seal of the City of Antigo to be affixed.

THIS DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY is enacted this 19 day of March 2020.


Bill Brandt, Mayor