

DECLARATION NO. 20-1

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (COVID-19 – MARCH 16, 2020)

WHEREAS, the Village of River Forest (“Village”) is a non-home rule unit of local government as provided by Article VII, Section 7 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, also known as the “coronavirus,” is a dangerous disease which has spread around the world, including in the United States, the State of Illinois and Cook County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a direct and serious threat to the public’s health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners issued a disaster proclamation in Cook County, Illinois related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued a disaster proclamation in the State of Illinois related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a nationwide emergency under Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 52 U.S.C. 5121, *et seq.*, related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 pandemic is a contagious disease that is likely to cause loss of life, loss of productivity, hardship and suffering to persons residing in or doing business in and around the Village; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-1-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6, provides that the corporate authorities of the Village of River Forest may grant the Village President the extraordinary power and authority to exercise, by executive order during a state of emergency, such of the powers of the Village’s corporate authorities as may be reasonably necessary to respond to the emergency; and

WHEREAS, on Monday March 16, 2020, the Village President and Board of Trustees adopted an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Amending the Village of River Forest Village Code Authorizing the Village President to Declare a State of Emergency if Needed,” which created Section 1-5-7 of the Village Code, entitled “State of

Emergency,” authorizing the Village President to declare a state of emergency in the Village pursuant to Section 11-1-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6; and

WHEREAS, declaration of a state of emergency in the Village is necessary in order to allow the Village to assist in preventing the loss of life and injuries, alleviating damages, loss, hardship and suffering related to the COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED, under oath by the Village President of the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois:

SECTION 1: Incorporation. That the recitals above shall be and are incorporated in this Section 1 as if restated herein.

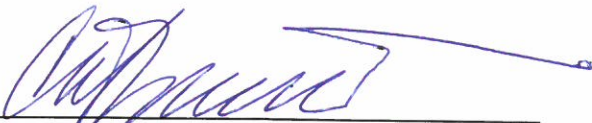
SECTION 2: Declaration of a State of Emergency. That a state of emergency is declared in the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois.

SECTION 3: Executive Orders. That the Village President is authorized to exercise, by executive order, such powers of the Village President and Board of Trustees as the Village President deems reasonably necessary to allow the Village to respond to the emergency.

SECTION 4: Procedures, Protocols and Regulations Subject to Suspension. That the Village Administrator shall present requests to the Village President for approval of executive orders described in Section 3 above. Executive orders may address any Village regulations reasonably necessary to allow the Village to respond to the emergency.

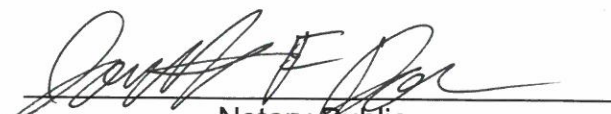
SECTION 5: Duration. That the state of emergency declared herein shall expire upon the earlier of (a) the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the Village President and Board of Trustees, which is scheduled for April 13, 2020, or (b) withdrawal of this Declaration by the Village President.

SECTION 6: Filing. That this declaration shall be filed with the Village Clerk upon its execution by the Village President.



Catherine Adduci, Village President

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 16th day of March, 2020.



Notary Public

