

DECLARATION NO. 20-3

DECLARATION OF A CONTINUED STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (COVID-19 – APRIL 13, 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, in the State of Illinois, in Cook County and in the Village; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a contagious disease that has caused, and will continue 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, 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 the Governor has since issued, and extended, a “Stay At Home” Executive Order to help stop the spread of COVID-19; 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, 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 March 16, 2020, the Village President and Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance 3800 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 of River Forest Village Code (“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, on March 16, 2020, the Village President issued the “Declaration of a State of Emergency in the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois (COVID-19 – March 16, 2020)” (“Declaration 20-1”) under Section 1-5-7 of the Village Code; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 and March 24, 2020, the Village President issued Executive Orders 20-1 and 20-2, respectively, under Declaration 20-1 to assist Village residents, businesses and the community at large with the significant negative repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, under Section 1-5-7 of the Village Code, Declaration 20-1 was only in effect until adjournment of the first regular or special meeting of the Village President and Board of Trustees after Declaration 20-1 was issued; and

WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees held and adjourned a special meeting on March 30, 2020, and Declaration 20-1 expired at the adjournment of that meeting; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the Village President issued the “Declaration of a Continued State of Emergency in the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois (COVID-19 – March 30, 2020)” (“Declaration 20-2”) under Section 1-5-7 of the Village Code; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020 the Village President issued Executive Order 20-3 under Declaration 20-2 to assist with obtaining compliance with the Governor of the State of Illinois’ executive orders protecting the public’s health, safety and welfare related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, under Section 1-5-7 of the Village Code, Declaration 20-2 was only in effect until adjournment of the first regular or special meeting of the Village President and Board of Trustees after Declaration 20-2 was issued; and

WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees held and adjourned a regular meeting on April 13, 2020, and Declaration 20-2 expired at the adjournment of that meeting; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has not ended and continues to expand and worsen in the State of Illinois, in Cook County and in the Village; and

WHEREAS, continuing the declaration of a state of emergency in the Village is necessary to allow the Village to continue to rapidly respond to the COVID-19 pandemic

and to assist in preventing the loss of life and injuries, alleviating damages, loss, hardship and suffering related to the 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.

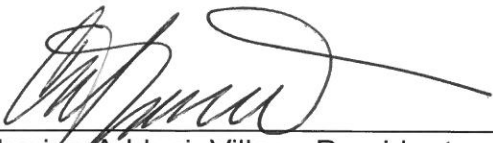
SECTION 2: Declaration of a State of Emergency. That a state of emergency is declared in the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois.

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 or special meeting of the Village President and Board of Trustees, which is scheduled for April 27, 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 13th day of April, 2020.


Notary Public

