

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-03

EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDERS OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS PROTECTING THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE UNDER A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (COVID-19 – MARCH 30, 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 16, 2020, the Village President declared a state of emergency in the Village in Declaration 20-1, entitled "Declaration of a State of Emergency in the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois (COVID-19 – March 16, 2020)" ("Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued Executive Order 20-10, which as amended and extended, is a "Stay At Home" order, allowing only "essential businesses" to operate and limiting the movement of persons in Illinois in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, which has a significant and material impact on Village residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the Village President declared a continued state of emergency in the Village in Declaration 20-2, entitled "Declaration of a Continued State of Emergency in the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois (COVID-19 – March 30, 2020)" ("Continued Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, the Declaration and the Continued Declaration were made pursuant to authority granted to the Village President in Section 1-5-7 of the Village of River Forest Village Code, entitled "State of Emergency," and pursuant to Section 11-1-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6; and

WHEREAS, the Village President has determined that it is necessary to make this Executive Order to best protect the public's health, safety and welfare regarding the COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, 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: Executive Order. That in order to help Village residents, businesses and the community at large deal with the significant negative health repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic it is ordered:

1. **Nuisance Declared.** Executive orders in furtherance of the public's health, safety and welfare issued by the Governor of the State of Illinois pursuant to the authority granted in Article 5 of the Illinois Constitution and in Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/1, *et seq.*, as amended, shall be observed and obeyed in the Village. Violations of these executive orders are hereby declared a public nuisance.

2. **Violation.** It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, joint venture, association, society, club, trustee, company or corporation, or any officer, agent, employee or any kind of personal representative thereof, to violate an executive order in furtherance of the public's health, safety and welfare issued by the Governor of the State of Illinois pursuant to the authority granted in Article 5 of the Illinois Constitution and in Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/1, *et seq.*, as amended.

3. **Penalty.** A violation of an executive order in furtherance of the public's health, safety and welfare issued by the Governor of the State of Illinois pursuant to the authority granted in Article 5 of the Illinois Constitution and in Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/1, *et seq.*, as amended, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Seven Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$750.00). A separate offense shall be deemed to have been committed for each day a violation continues.

SECTION 3: Duration. That this Executive Order takes effect immediately and expires upon the earlier of (a) the Declaration ending, or (b) withdrawal of this Executive Order by the Village President.



Catherine Adduci, Village President

DATE: April 3, 2020