
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF FULTON
CITY OF CANTON**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the office of Mayor by the Illinois Municipal Code (60 ILCS 5/11-1-6), the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act Section 3305/11, and Ordinance 4182 of the City of Canton, I, Kent McDowell, the Mayor of City of Canton, do hereby declare that a Local State of Emergency exists as of this date, March 17, 2020, and shall continue until such time as provided in Ordinance 4182.

Facts Related to Emergency: In late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emerged in China. COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions and present with symptoms similar to those of influenza. There is no vaccine currently available for COVID-19. Certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19, including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease.

The City of Canton is continuing its efforts to prepare for any eventuality given that this is a novel illness and given the known health risks it poses for the elderly and those with serious chronic medical conditions. The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020; the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19 presents a public health emergency on January 27, 2020; and, the Governor of the State of Illinois, J.B. Pritzker, proclaimed COVID-19 a Disaster on March 9, 2020.

In response to the COVID-19 outbreaks, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict non-essential travel to or from those countries. The CDC has advised older travelers and those with chronic medical conditions to avoid nonessential travel, and has advised all travelers to exercise enhanced precautions. Despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the World Health Organization and the CDC indicate that it is expected to spread.

As of March 17, 2020, the Illinois Department of Public Health indicated 160 positive (confirmed) cases of COVID-19 with 1 death and 1500 persons under investigation (*see www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z/illnesses/covid-19*). One of the confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Illinois has not been linked to any travel activity or to an already-confirmed COVID-19 case, which indicates community transmission in Illinois. On March 14, 2020, the Illinois Department of Public Health confirmed a patient tested positive for a strain of COVID-19 in Woodford County, located in Central Illinois. Thereafter, on March 16, 2020, the Peoria City/County Health Department confirmed the first positive case of COVID-19 in Peoria County, Illinois.

Nature of Emergency: The COVID-19 outbreak is a “disaster” and “public health emergency” as defined under 20 ILCS 3305/4, as amended. While no confirmed cases COVID-19 exist within the corporate limits of the City of Canton at the time of this Declaration, there is an imminent threat that outbreak of COVID-19 may spread to within the corporate limits of the City of Canton, resulting in or threatening the death or injury of persons to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

During the existence of the Local State of Emergency declared hereunder, the Mayor shall execute such authority and executive orders as provided under the Illinois Municipal Code, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act and Ordinance 4182.

This Declaration of Local State of Emergency shall be filed with the City Clerk as soon as practicable.

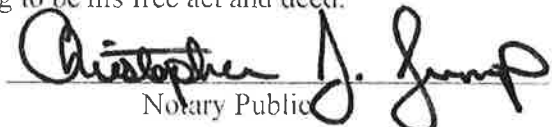
I, KENT McDOWELL, whose name is signed to this instrument, being first duly sworn, signed and executed the instrument as the Declaration of Local State of Emergency, and that I signed willingly, and that I executed it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed.

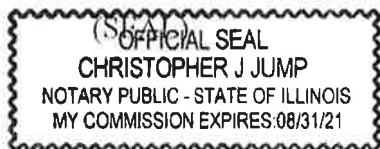
Dated this 17th day of March, 2020.


Kent McDowell, Mayor
City of Canton, Illinois

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On this 17th of March, 2020 Kent McDowell, Mayor of the City of Canton, personally appeared before me and acknowledged the foregoing to be his free act and deed.


Notary Public



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My Commission Expires: 08/31/2021