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**EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR**  
**CITY OF CANTON**

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

**Re: COVID-19 – Executive Order No. 34**

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 (20 ILCS 3305/1 *et seq.*), Ordinance No. 4182 (as amended) of the City of Canton, and other applicable laws and regulations, and by the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency issued on September 29, 2021 (the “Declaration”), I, Kent McDowell, the Mayor of City of Canton, do hereby ORDER as follows:

1. Executive Order No. 33, issued on or about September 21, 2021, is hereby replaced entirely and superseded by this Executive Order No. 34.
2. Regardless of vaccination status, and consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Guidelines, masks shall be worn while indoors of any City-owned facilities, including but not limited to City Hall, the Historic Train Depot, Public Works buildings, the Canton Police Department, the Canton Fire Department. This Order shall apply to all employees, elected/appointed officials, and the general public. This provision shall not apply to children under the age of two (2) or those who cannot medically tolerate a face covering. Employees may remove their face coverings while outdoors; however, they are encouraged to wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings consistent with CDC Guidelines. Face coverings may be removed by employees at workplaces when they can consistently maintain six feet of distance (such as when employees are in their office or cubicle space).
3. The Historic Train Depot, 50 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Donald E. Edwards Way), Canton, IL 61520, shall be available for private rentals, subject to the approval of the Mayor’s office and provided the use of the Historic Train Depot shall be subject to all Illinois Gubernatorial Executive Orders (“Governor’s Orders”), as amended. The City reserves the right to close and/or shut down any event or party in the event it violates said Governor’s Orders. In said event, no refund will be issued. Failure to comply with any of the Governor’s Orders may also be considered a violation of this Executive Order.
4. In-person meetings or meetings conducted under the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.*) are hereby found to be not practical or prudent because of a disaster. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/7(e), open or closed meetings be conducted by audio or video conference, without the physical presence of a quorum of the members, so long as the other provisions of 5 ILCS 120/7(e) are met.

5. The City Attorney retains the authority to reschedule Court hearings/appearances regarding Ordinance Violations as appropriate or otherwise necessary, as determined in his discretion.
6. The City Attorney is hereby authorized to extend payment deadlines for all Ordinance Violations or other obligations to the City of Canton, in his discretion, during the Local State of Emergency.
7. The City Attorney, upon consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Negotiation, Grievance and Personnel, is hereby authorized to enter into, such agreements, including memoranda of understanding, with the City's bargaining units in order to promote the provision of City services and the health and safety of the public and employees, to implement the policies adopted herein, or to otherwise comply with federal and state law and regulations, during the term of the Local State of Emergency.
8. The City Attorney, upon consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Negotiation, Grievance and Personnel, is hereby authorized to adjust any personnel policies (including those related to bargaining units) related to leave time, other benefits or terms and conditions of employment as are reasonably related to providing sufficient staffing, to promote City services and the health and safety of the public and employees, or to otherwise comply with federal and state law and regulations, during the term of the Local State of Emergency.
9. No gatherings of more than ten (10) people shall be permitted in any parking lot (public or private) after 6:00 p.m. unless the business owner maintains a valid Subclass A license under Section 3-8-4 of the City Code or permission has otherwise been granted by the Mayor's Office in writing. Social distancing shall be strictly followed for any such gatherings of ten (10) or less people. The free exercise of religion, emergency functions, and governmental functions shall be exempt from the provisions of this Paragraph. Nothing in this Paragraph is intended to prohibit the gathering of members of a household or residence.
10. **Savings Clause:** If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, this invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of this Executive Order, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Executive Order are declared to be severable. This Executive Order is meant to be read consistently with any court order regarding this Executive Order.

Dated this 29th day of September, 2021.

  
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Kent McDowell, Mayor  
City of Canton, Illinois

*[Notary Acknowledgment to Follow]*

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On this 29th day of September, 2021, Kent McDowell, Mayor of the City of Canton, personally appeared before me and acknowledged the foregoing to be his free act and deed.

Carol Kohler

Notary Public

(SEAL)

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My Commission Expires:

