

ORDINANCE NUMBER 20-813
EXTENSION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY TO MAY 30, 2020
CITY OF HUTCHINSON, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Hutchinson, Minnesota (" Mayor") declared an emergency to exist in the City of Hutchinson, Minnesota. (" City") effective 5:08 PM on March 24, 2020, upon signing Declaration 2020 – 01 ("Declaration"); and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute Section 12.29 authorizes the Mayor to declare the existence of the emergency, invoke necessary portions of the Emergency Operations Plans and Pandemic Response Plan, and authorizes aid and services in accordance with interjurisdictional agreements. In order for the Declaration of the emergency to continue beyond three days the City Council of the City of Hutchinson, Minnesota ("City Council") must consent to the Declaration; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council convened at its regular meeting of the City Council at 5:30 PM on March 24, 2020, and received emergency COVID-19 updates and considered formal action to consent to the Mayor's Declaration and related actions; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance 20–811 consenting to the Mayor's Declaration of a local emergency on March 24, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance 20–811 is effective until April 23, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 3.06 allows the immediate adoption of an Ordinance when necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, morals, safety or welfare of the City; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 3.05 waives the notice requirements prior to adopting an emergency Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the COVID-19 situation is an emergency and poses a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Hutchinson and may affect the provision and delivery of City services as result of the emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the emergency poses a risk to the public health of the community if not addressed; and,

WHEREAS, the expiration date of Ordinance 20-811 is April 24, 2020, and the effects on the community and conditions which led to the original Emergency Declaration are expected to continue past that expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINSON, MINNESOTA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

Section 1. The City continues to face a threat to public health resulting from the novel coronavirus and the resulting COVID-19 disease and pandemic.

Section 2. This Ordinance hereby continues the operationalization of the City's Emergency Operation Plans and the Pandemic Response Plan invoked by Ordinance 20-811.

Section 3. To the extent normal state laws and city policies and procedures impede an efficient response or compliance with the Federal and State directives and recommendations, the City Administrator, and the Emergency Operations Manager, and their designees are hereby authorized to suspend compliance with those laws, policies, and procedures as authorized by the Governor's Emergency Executive Order 20 - 01 and Minnesota Statutes Sections 12.32 and 12.37 as well as to execute any and all of the provisions of the Hutchinson Emergency Declaration, Ordinance 20-811.

Section 4. This Ordinance authorizes all meetings of the City Council and city commissions, boards, authorities, and related subsidiary entities and committees to conduct their meetings by electronic means as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021, and specifically authorizes telephonic meetings because such in-person meetings are not practical or prudent due to the COVID-19 health pandemic and related declared emergency so long as such meetings are consistent with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021 until May 30, 2020, unless rescinded earlier by official action of the City Council.

Section 5. This Ordinance was adopted by at least 4 members of the City Council as required by section 3.06 of the City Charter.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage as permitted by section 3.09 of the City Charter.

Section 7. The City Administrator is authorized and directed to file and to post notice of this Ordinance and any emergency regulations as authorized required by State law, City Charter, and City Code.

Adopted this 14th day of April, 2020.


Mayor

Attest:


City Administrator