



## EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

### **ADDRESSING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY OR PUBLIC DANGER THAT EXISTS WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST BURLINGTON BECAUSE OF THE THREAT OF THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the public health and safety of the City of West Burlington, Iowa, as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”); and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Public Health (“IDPH”) has now determined that community spread of COVID-19 has occurred in the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has recommended that persons do not congregate in gatherings of over ten (10) persons to attempt to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Hon. Governor Kim Reynolds has recommended that all school districts within the State of Iowa close for a period of four (4) weeks to help to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the State; and

WHEREAS, Section 372.14(2) of the Code of Iowa (2019) grants the Mayor powers to declare an emergency and govern through proclamation to protect the health and safety of the citizens of West Burlington.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Hans K. Trousil, the duly elected Mayor of the City of West Burlington, Iowa, do hereby proclaim until further notice the following:

1. That a state of emergency or public danger exists within the City of West Burlington because of the threat of the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
2. That based upon the advice of the CDC and other public health agencies, I hereby declare that the West Burlington City Hall will have limited access to the public. Staff shall report as normal. Citizens may utilize various alternatives for paying utility bills and conducting any other essential City business. Official meetings of the West Burlington City Council shall be open to the public as required by state and federal law.
3. That pursuant to CDC recommendations, gatherings of ten (10) or more people are strongly discouraged until further notice.
4. That this Proclamation of Emergency may be modified and/or superseded by future proclamation of the Office of the Mayor of West Burlington, Iowa as future events warrant.
5. That all aspects of this proclamation of the Office of the Mayor of the City of West Burlington, Iowa, shall be enforceable by the West Burlington Police Department and any violation of the same shall be a violation and punishable as a simple misdemeanor.
7. More information will be shared with the public as it becomes available.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

Hans K. Trousil, Mayor  
City of West Burlington, Iowa