



AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF FOREST PARK, OHIO

March 27, 2020

Charles Johnson, Mayor & Donnie R. Jones, City Manager

EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARAING STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, there has been an outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) across the United States of America and there have been multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19 across the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 virus the President of the United States has declared a National State of Emergency, the Governor of the State of Ohio, has declared a State of Emergency in Ohio, and the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners has declared a State of Emergency in Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic has been well documented and the City of Forest Park has been or is imminently threatened by the spread of this infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of all citizens of the City of Forest Park that all steps be taken to immediately respond to this crisis; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent and immediate need to take emergency measures to maintain essential municipal operations, protect lives, homes, and property, and to ensure that basic needs of City residents are met.

NOW THEREFORE, be it Declared by the executive powers inherent in the position of Mayor and the position of City Manager as provided by the City Charter and recognized by the Ohio Constitution and Revised Code,

Section 1. That the **City Manager and the Mayor of the City of Forest Park hereby declare by Executive Order that a State of Emergency exists in the City of Forest Park**, and invokes and declares those portions of the City Charter and the Ohio Revised Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this Declaration to be in full force and effect in the City of Forest Park for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of the City of Forest Park and the preservation of local government with minimal interruption.

Section 2. It is expressly provided that any and all powers to be exercised by the City as authorized by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5502 are permitted and are hereby invoked to respond to the crisis and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. We find that given that a real and present emergency exists in the City of Forest Park as a result of the spread of COVID-19, pursuant to R.C. 735.051 a real and present emergency exists in the City of Forest Park affecting the public health and safety of residents necessitating the purchase and acquisition of certain items and services and renewal or extension of existing contracts by the City Manager to maintain essential municipal operations and deal with the present emergency without the requirement for competitive bidding, advertising and the pre-authorization of City Council.

Section 4. The City Manager of the City of Forest Park is hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to maintain order and control in the City of Forest Park for the well-being, health and safety of residents.

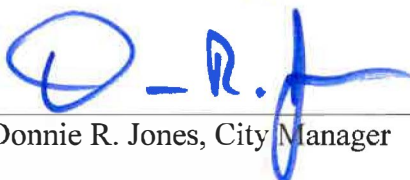
Section 5. All public offices and employees of the City of Forest Park are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives, federal, state and local.

Section 6. All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures to cooperate with public officials and emergency services personnel in executing emergency operational plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful direction of properly identified emergency services personnel.

Section 7. This STATE OF EMERGENCY shall be in full force and effect beginning at 5:00 PM EST March 27, 2020 and until such time as it is rescinded by Executive Order.

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 27th day of March, 2020 A.D.


Charles Johnson, Mayor


Donnie R. Jones, City Manager