

**CITY OF PEQUOT LAKES  
MAYORAL DECLARATION 20-01  
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the virus named COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus that has not previously been identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a National Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz declared a Peacetime State of Emergency to authorize all necessary resources to be used in support of the COVID-19 response; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has been identified by the World Health Organization as a pandemic, and the United States Centers for Disease Control has provided guidance for individuals, healthcare professionals, and businesses to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 25, 2020 Governor Timothy J. Walz issued a stay at home order requiring non-essential employees and public officials to limit interaction with the public; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 6, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Pequot Lakes issued a declaration calling for City meetings to be available by electronic means; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes, section 12.29 authorizes the mayor of a municipality to declare a local emergency for a period of up to three days; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pequot Lakes City Council may consent to an extension of a declaration of local emergency beyond three days; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes, section 12.37 states an emergency declaration authorizes the City to enter into contracts and perform other duties without following many of the time-consuming legal procedures normally required, including, but not limited to:

- Arranging for the performance of public work
- Contracting
- Incurring obligations
- Employing temporary workers
- Renting equipment
- Purchasing supplies and materials
- Complying with limitation on tax levies
- Appropriating and expending public funds, including publication of ordinances and resolutions, advertisement for bids, provisions of civil service laws and rules, competitive bidding, and budget requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor finds that the emergency is sudden and could not have been anticipated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor finds that this situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Pequot Lakes community and threatens the provision and delivery of City services as a result of the Emergency; and


**WHEREAS**, the Mayor finds that the emergency poses the risk of and may cause catastrophic loss of public health, safety, and welfare if not immediately addressed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor finds that traditional sources of relief are not able to repair or prevent the injury and loss.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES TAYLOE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PEQUOT LAKES, HEREBY PROCLAIM:**

1. A local state of emergency is declared for the City of Pequot Lakes pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12.
2. City Staff is directed to review ordinance and regulatory requirements, operations, civil and legal proceedings, events, and resources to determine whether the foregoing should be adjusted or suspended, and to make recommendations regarding additional emergency regulations to support the employees and residents of the City.
3. All City departments and offices are directed to operate and support the response to this incident, under the direction and coordination of the City Administrator and Emergency Management Directors, including implementing new employee protocols, strategies, and processes to ensure that public services are maintained.
4. The City Administrator and Emergency Management Directors will request and coordinate appropriate aid and resources from surrounding jurisdictions, Crow Wing County, the State of Minnesota, and the Federal government, as needed.
5. Public meetings may be held consistent with the prior declaration of the Mayor pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021.
6. This Declaration shall continue for not more than a period of three days from the date of execution unless extended by the City Council.
7. A meeting of the City Council shall be held on April 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss this Declaration and consider extending the Declaration.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

  
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James Tayloe  
Mayor of the City of Pequot Lakes