



## Declaration of Local State of Emergency

State of Illinois  
County of Will & Kendall  
City of Joliet  
March 16, 2020

Pursuant to the authority vested in the office of Mayor by the Illinois Municipal Code Section 5/11-1-6, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act Section 3305/11 and Ordinance Sec. 2-17 of the City of Joliet, I, Robert O'Dekirk, the Mayor of the City of Joliet, in conjunction with the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation issued March 9, 2020, do hereby declare that a Local State of Emergency exists as of this date, Monday, March 16, 2020, and shall continue until such time as provided in Ordinance 2-17, the first regular meeting of the City Council after March 17, 2020 (April 7, 2020) or a duly called and noticed special City Council meeting prior to April 7, 2020.

The emergency is related to a natural disaster, specifically the COVID-19 virus which is causing or anticipated to cause widespread impacts on the health of members of the community.

During the existence of the Local State of Emergency, the Mayor shall execute such authority to issue such orders which are imminently necessary for the protection of life as provided under the Illinois Municipal Code, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, Ordinance 2-17 and the City of Joliet's Home Rule Authority, specifically:

- Make available City funds to coordinate expanded services for seniors and other immune-compromised residents;
- Waive late fees on past-due City accounts;
- Implement a moratorium on water disconnections;
- Cancel the Pre-Council meeting scheduled for March 16, 2020;
- Combine the regularly scheduled Pre-Council meeting with the regularly scheduled Tuesday March 17, 2020 Council Meeting (6:30 p.m. start on Tuesday, March 17, 2020); and
- Evaluate and create temporary procedures for public meetings and public hearings, subject to further guidance from the Governor's Office, Illinois Attorney General's Office and other Federal and State agencies.

This Declaration of Local State of Emergency shall be filed with the City Clerk as soon as practicable.

I, Robert O'Dekirk, whose name is signed to this instrument, being first duly sworn, signed and executed the instrument as the Declaration of Local State of Emergency, and that I signed willingly, and that I executed it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed.

### NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, personally appeared the above-named Robert O'Dekirk and acknowledged the foregoing to be his free act and deed, before me.

My Commission Expires: 11/16/2022

Notary Public (Seal)

Alexandra Wyss

