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May 19, 2020

Dear Business Owners:

The City of Prescott is empowered to order, by ordinance or proclamation, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the City during this Coronavirus emergency.

Enclosed is the Municipal Emergency Proclamation which was approved by the Prescott City Council. City officials have worked together to maintain the peace, safety, welfare, and health of both residents and visitors. When it comes to administering, managing, and delivering programs to serve the needs of the community, the City takes the lead. The city is also here to help. If you have questions regarding the enclosed Proclamation please feel free to reach out to us

The Police Department is committed to working in partnership with the community to find solutions to community problems through their proactive outreach, community education, and neighborhood advocacy efforts. In terms of COVID-19, the preference is to gain voluntary compliance, through collaboration and education, prior to enforcement.

Violations of emergency orders that are either too egregious, or are unable to be resolved via voluntary compliance, may result in enforcement actions. The Police Department has authority under the leadership of the police chief to pursue formal enforcement including the revocation of alcohol licenses.

This Proclamation cannot be accomplished without the support of our community. We are beyond saddened by the hardships our residents and businesses have endured during this pandemic, but are so grateful for your patience, diligence, and willingness to protect and care for one another. We are a resilient, caring community and will get through this time together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David B. Hovel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David B. Hovel, Mayor

**CITY OF PRESCOTT
RESOLUTION 11-20
MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, a novel strain of the coronavirus, named COVID-19 has spread throughout numerous countries including the United States; and

Whereas, the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared a Public Health Emergency; and

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has declared a Public Health Emergency; and

Whereas, the conditions created by the proclamation of these public health emergencies pose a continuing and substantial threat to public order, life, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Prescott; and

Whereas, the City of Prescott in cooperation with the local, state and federal governmental entities desires to take action to prevent exposure to and spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus; and

Whereas, the Common Council is unable to meet with promptness to address this issue immediately; and

Whereas, during periods of emergency, pursuant to the authority provided in Chapter 69 of the Prescott Municipal Code, the Mayor, in addition to all general and executive emergency powers, shall have the authority to issue all such orders as they deem necessary to protect public life, health and safety including, but not limited to, carrying out the following duties:

- (1) The power to direct emergency response activities by City departments.
- (2) The power to execute contracts for the emergency construction or repair of public improvements, when the delay of advertising and public bidding might cause serious loss or injury to the City, upon following the procedures of Chapter 69 regarding emergency procurements.
- (3) The power to purchase or lease goods and services deemed necessary to the City's emergency response or for the repair of City facilities, or both, upon following the procedures of Chapter 69 regarding emergency procurements.
- (4) The power to lease real property, or structures, or both, that are deemed necessary for the

continued operation of City government.

(5) The power to promulgate rules and orders to implement and clarify the proclamation exercising emergency power.

(6) The power to delegate any or all of these duties to appropriate City personnel.

That the initial period for this emergency shall be thirty (30) days from the date of this Declaration.

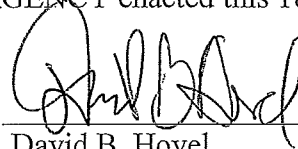
That those City Officials/Department Heads who have charge and control of city facilities are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions, including but not limited to, the rescheduling and cancelling of events and limiting public access to portions of their facilities, as they deem reasonable and necessary to prevent exposure to and/or spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

That actions taken pursuant to the grant of authority contained in this resolution shall be subject to ratification, alteration, modification or repeal by the Common Council as soon as that body can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the Common Council shall not affect the prior validity of the action taken.

Pursuant to the aforementioned authority under City of Prescott ordinances and the authority granted under Wisconsin Statutes, it is Ordered as follows:

1. All businesses are allowed to open but shall practice social distancing and follow the Center for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") guidelines for businesses to the greatest extent possible.
2. Retail places open to the public shall be limited in the number of people that is present in the building or structure to 1 person for every 113 square feet of the building or structure which include decks, patios and sidewalk cafes when opened.

THIS DECLARATION OF A MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY enacted this 18th day of May, 2020.



David B. Hovel
Mayor

ATTEST:



Jayne M. Brand, City Administrator

Ratified by Resolution No. 11-20 of the City Council on the 18th day of May, 2020 by a vote of 4 for, 2 against.