

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN  
WASHINGTON COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 27-2020**

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**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY  
IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS**

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WHEREAS, COVID-19, a novel strain of the coronavirus, was detected in December, 2019, and has subsequently spread throughout numerous countries and the United States including Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, international organizations, the federal, state, and local governments are all working together to contain COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, citing the World Health Organization's declaration of a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services declaration of a Public Health Emergency, the State of Wisconsin has declared a Public Health Emergency by Executive Order #72; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Germantown has been working to protect the community from the spread of this disease, and to prepare for the impacts it may have; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health and well-being of residents and visitors, the Village of Germantown must avail itself of all resources needed to respond to and contain the presence of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Germantown, Wisconsin, as follows:

1. There does now exist within the Village of Germantown a Public Health Emergency as defined in Wis. Stat. § 323.02(16). Specifically, there is threat of an illness or health condition that appears to be caused by a novel biological agent that poses a high probability of widespread exposure and that creates a significant risk of substantial future harm to a large number of people.
2. The Public Health Emergency constitutes a Disaster as defined in Wis. Stat. § 323.02(6). Specifically, the Public Health Emergency is a severe or prolonged natural occurrence that threatens or negatively impacts life, health, property, infrastructure, the environment, the security of the Village or critical systems.
3. As a result of this Disaster and its potential to impair transportation, food or fuel supplies, medical care, fire, health or police protection or other critical systems of the Village

of Germantown, the Village Board does hereby exercise its authority granted under Wis. Stat. § 323.11 and declares there to be an emergency within the Village.

4. During the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the emergency management organization of the Village of Germantown shall be those prescribed by state law, and by Germantown ordinances and resolutions, and the Village's Emergency Management Plan.

5. All Village of Germantown departments and officers shall, as necessary and appropriate, work cooperatively with internal and external stakeholders and take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent and respond to incidents of COVID-19 in the community.

6. The Village of Germantown Emergency Management Director shall implement the Village's emergency management plan, coordinate the Village's response to the existing emergency, and coordinate with County and State emergency management personnel as required by law.

7. The Village of Germantown Board of Trustees hereby appoint the Village President as the acting Chief Executive Officer to exercise by proclamation all of the powers conferred upon the governing body that are necessary and expedient under the law if, because of emergency conditions, the Village Board is unable to meet promptly. If the Village President is unable to serve in this capacity, the succession shall be in the order of seniority amongst Village Board members.

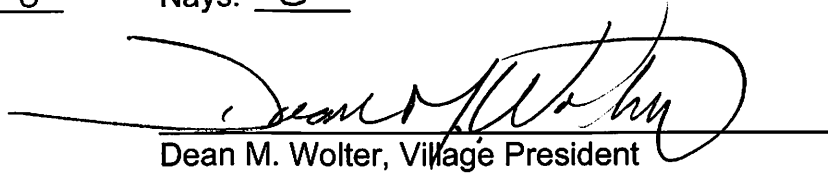
8. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 323.14(4)(a) and 323.52(1), and pursuant to state and federal orders and recommendations limiting the size of public gatherings, the Village Board does hereby declare that during the period of the Public Health Emergency a temporary location of government is established such that all Village committee, commission and board members may individually attend their respective meetings by way of telephonic or other means of electronic communication established by the Board provided that such electronic communication is of a form so as to allow the public reasonable means of access. Reasonable access shall mean that the meeting can be accessed and viewed by the public via live audio or video broadcast, provided that instructions to access the broadcast is posted on the public meeting notice. Public comment shall be provided to the Village Clerk's office prior to the start of the meeting so that it may be presented to the body for its consideration.

9. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11, this Health Emergency Declaration shall be in place for 60 days from the signed date or until revoked or extended by Resolution.

Introduced by: Trustee Zabel

Adopted: March 16, 2020

Vote: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

  
Dean M. Wolter, Village President

ATTEST:

Deanna Braunschweig  
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Village Clerk