

**VILLAGE OF OXFORD**  
Marquette County, Wisconsin

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

April 1, 2020

WHEREAS, the 2019 novel strain of coronavirus, known as COVID-19 is a respiratory virus that is extremely contagious and can be fatal;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has spread throughout numerous countries including the United States and numerous cases have been identified in Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency and the Governor of Wisconsin has declared a public health emergency in the State of Wisconsin because of the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 in Marquette County presents an imminent threat of a disaster that threatens to, or has, negatively impacted life, health, property, security, or other critical systems including, but not limited to, the economy, emergency response, and medical care;

WHEREAS, a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional response is necessary to undertake efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Village of Oxford shall take guidance from the Marquette County Board of Supervisors and adhere to its decisions as they pertain to duration, implementation, addition, and revision of this Declaration;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that pursuant to section 323.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, in order to protect the public peace, health and safety, preserve lives and property, economic stability, and insure cooperation and coordination, a Declaration of Local State of Emergency is imposed for ninety (90) days, or until such earlier or later time as determined by the Marquette County Board of Supervisors, and, during this period, the Board may order, by ordinance or resolution, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the County, and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Village of Oxford President has the authority to order whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the Village of Oxford to the extent allowed by law, including, but not limited to, the authority to waive enforcement or compliance with Village of Oxford ordinances and policies, close non-essential Village of Oxford buildings and services, order meetings to be held remotely (by teleconference, video conference, or other means), restrict public observance of open meetings to video or telephone conference, and issue any other orders that the President deems appropriate, and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the full allocation of Village resources be available to ensure the continuation of core Village services in the midst of the pandemic up to \$10,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that, in the event that the Spring Election scheduled for April 7, 2020 is delayed, such that the Village Board Trustee election cannot be held prior to

the expiration of the current Trustee terms, the current Village Board Trustees shall continue to serve and fulfill such vacancies until such time as an election may be held (pursuant to section 17.24 of the Wisconsin Statutes and are sworn into office, which provides that the Village Board may determine the procedure for filling a vacancy on the Village Board) unless or until otherwise determined by law; and

BE IT FINALLY PROCLAIMED, that in anticipation of federal relief and reimbursement becoming available, all Village departments and offices shall track expenses related to efforts to protect the public and prevent the spread of COVID-19, and other public sector entities are encouraged to do the same.

Dated: April 1, 2020

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Erwin F. Meyer, Village of Oxford President