



Tom Barrett
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Milwaukee Health Department confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Governor of the State of Wisconsin ordered the closure of all public and private schools; and

WHEREAS, there are 26 active confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state of Wisconsin, six cases in each of Dane, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee County, with two confirmed presumptive cases in the City of Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, the CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “high”, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur within the United States; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, and is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person.

NOW THEREFORE, I Tom Barrett, Mayor of the City of Milwaukee as a result of the above noted situation and under the powers vested in me under Chapter 6-07-3, of the Milwaukee City Charter, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in the City of Milwaukee and it is necessary and expedient for the health, safety and protection of the City to temporarily suspend or modify applicable ordinances or resolutions to allow immediate response to meet the needs of the extraordinary existing conditions as follows:

Modification of the following subchapters of Chapter 350 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances:

Sub-chapter 1: Holiday and Overtime Policies - to allow eligible employees of the Milwaukee Health Department to receive overtime pay for hours worked outside of regular schedules in response to this public health emergency.

Sub-chapter 3: Leave of Absence to:

- allow for the creation of a Temporary Emergency Paid Leave Account of 40 hours to be used during the week of March 16, 2020, by eligible employees impacted by COVID-19
- extend the use of paid sick leave benefits for the care of immediate family members,
- allow City Laborers access to earned sick and vacation balances prior to completion of 2,080 hours of work.

Sub-chapter 8: Transportation and Travel to suspend all business travel outside of the state effective immediately.

Sub-chapter 9: General Regulations to expand the pay authority under the City Severe Emergency Weather Policy to include the closure of City facilities if necessary or mandated as a result of the current emergency declaration.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the City of Milwaukee this 15th day of March, Two Thousand and Twenty in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

By:



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Barrett", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tom Barrett, Mayor