



**CITY OF RIVERSIDE, IOWA
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION COVID-19**

WHEREAS, Governor Reynolds has proclaimed a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency and issued orders intended to slow the spread of Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of our citizens, visitors, health care workers and first responders to comply and cooperate with local, state and federal agencies in responding to this outbreak; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.02(2) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Riverside and Section 372.14(2) of the Code of Iowa grant the Mayor powers to declare an emergency and govern through proclamation to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Riverside.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Allen Schneider, the duly elected Mayor of the City of Riverside, Iowa, do hereby proclaim the following:

1. That a state of emergency or public danger exists within the City of Riverside, Iowa, because of the threat of the spread of COVID-19 virus.
2. City Hall will be closed to the public. City staff will continue to operate out of the facility and the doors will be locked. Citizens are encouraged to conduct their business by telephone or email. Utility payments can be made through the drop box or online.
3. City facilities will be unavailable for outside group meetings. The City will evaluate the use of teleconferences or other allowable technologies for upcoming meetings. If these options are found to be viable, notification will be provided to the public as required by law. Citizens and visitors are also expected to abide by the Governor's directive to limit gatherings in public areas to 10 people or less.
4. The City Administrator is directed to publish materials on the City website with information and resources for citizens explaining how to limit potential exposure to COVID-19.
5. The City Administrator is further directed to work closely with the local Emergency Management agency to continue to monitor the situation and take reasonable action to adjust our response to changing conditions.

6. These orders will be in effect beginning 12:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 18, 2020 for the next thirty (30) days and shall expire on April 17, 2020 at 11:59 A.M. and may be modified and/or superseded by future proclamation of the Office of the Mayor of Riverside as future events warrant.

It is important to understand that these actions are being taken to protect the health and well-being of our citizens and City staff. I want to stress the importance of remaining calm as we all take the steps necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19. I understand that the current situation is likely to cause stress and hardship. I encourage any citizens needing information or assistance to contact City Hall and stay tuned to our web site for updated information.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2020



Allen Schneider
Mayor, City of Riverside, IA