



**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

03/19/2020 20-103 As Amended

Council Meeting Date: 03/19/2020

Item No: 20-103 As Amended

Responsible Dept: Legal

Requested Action: Order

Map/Lot: N/A

**Title, Order**

Renewing the City Manager's March 16, 2020 Proclamation Declaring State of Emergency

**Summary**

This Order would renew the emergency proclamation declared by the City Manager in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 16, 2020, after consultation with the Chair of the City Council, the City Manager declared and signed a "Proclamation Declaring State of Emergency." This followed the declaration by the Governor of the State of Maine of a civil state of emergency on March 15, 2020. Both of these declarations addressed the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Since these declarations, the number of confirmed cases in the State of Maine has increased, and no solution for the spread of COVID-19 has been found. In short, the pandemic, and the emergency created by this novel coronavirus both continues and worsens. These factors present an immediate threat to the public health and safety, and require the City to be able to react and regulate quickly as additional information becomes available. In order to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the City of Bangor, this Order would renew the City's Proclamation Declaring State of Emergency until seven days after the Governor's declared civil state of emergency is over.

Given the immediate threat of the pandemic, this Order is being introduced as an emergency measure pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the Bangor City Charter.

**Committee Action**

Committee:

Action: Recommend for passage

Meeting Date:

For:

Against:

**Staff Comments & Approvals**

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City Manager

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City Solicitor

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Finance Director

**Introduced for:** New Business



## **CITY OF BANGOR ORDER**

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Assigned to Councilor: Nichols

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WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, after consultation with the Chair of the City Council, the City Manager declared and signed a "Proclamation Declaring State of Emergency";

WHEREAS, this followed a declaration by the Governor of the State of Maine of a civil state of emergency on March 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, the City Council agrees with the rationale of and the need for the March 16, 2020, Proclamation Declaring State of Emergency;

WHEREAS, as of the morning of March 18, 2020, there are twenty-three (23) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State of Maine and nine (9) presumptive cases;

WHEREAS, the number of confirmed cases in the State of Maine of COVID-19 is increasing rapidly;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 emergency persists and grows throughout the City, the State of Maine, the United States of America, and the world; and

WHEREAS, these factors present an immediate threat to the public health and safety, and require the City to be able to react and regulate quickly as additional information becomes available;

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that:

1. Pursuant to Section 28-78 of the Bangor Code of Ordinances, the City Council hereby renews the March 16, 2020, "Proclamation Declaring State of Emergency" signed by the City Manager;

2. The City Council hereby explicitly affirms that all of the emergency powers and duties contained in Chapter 28 of the Bangor Code of Ordinances shall continue until this renewed Proclamation Declaring State of Emergency ends, and recognizes that the City Manager will likely promulgate additional regulations pursuant to these emergency powers as she deems necessary;

3. This renewed Proclamation Declaring Emergency shall end seven (7) days after the termination of the March 15, 2020 State of Emergency to address COVID-19 that was declared by the Governor of the State of Maine, or at such other time as this Council determines it should end;

4. The original March 16, 2020 Proclamation Declaring State of Emergency that is hereby renewed is attached to this Order and incorporated herein; and this Order and its attachment shall be filed with the City Clerk within twenty-four (24) hours of its issuance.

5. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, combined with the need for immediate action to prevent or mitigate the further spread of the disease, constitutes an emergency, and the actions contemplated in this Order are therefore immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety. This Order is therefore enacted as an emergency measure pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the Bangor City Charter.