



Resolution No. 03-20-49R

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION PERMITTING MAYOR/CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE CITY OF INKSTER AND SUSPENDING PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR 30 DAYS.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INKSTER:

WHEREAS the World Health Organization has declared the current outbreak of the COVID-19 virus a global pandemic and public health experts have found that arresting the spread of the outbreak requires the limitation of person-to-person contact;

WHEREAS the Governor of the State of Michigan has declared a state of emergency due to the above public health crisis, has ordered that various venues and public places be closed, and has published guidance recommending, among other things, the cancellation of gatherings of ten or more people, the tailoring of continuity of operations plans to the COVID-19 threat, the implementation of social distancing practices, reductions of in-person gatherings, and similar measures designed to prevent the spread of this highly-contagious disease;

WHEREAS the Open Meetings Act requires that certain governmental actions be taken at public meetings, but remains silent about taking emergency interim action where public meetings are not possible due to significant public health threats like the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS local charters and state law mandate that local governmental chief executives take emergency actions to respond to threats to public safety and health, especially during times of national emergency;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** All public meetings of the City of Inkster are cancelled effectively immediately for a period of 30 days or until changes in law allow for virtual meetings via teleconference or other similar method;
- 2.** While this emergency interim order is in effect, the Mayor/Chief Administrative Officer ("Mayor") shall take all necessary and proper actions to ensure the continuity of governmental operations;
- 3.** Any necessary and proper actions taken by the Mayor ordinarily requiring the Inkster City Council's pre-approval shall be communicated electronically to each of the body's members within 24 hours of being taken or as soon thereafter as is practical under the circumstances. This electronic communication to the City Council's membership shall be shared on the City of Inkster's website within 48 hours or as soon thereafter as is practical under the circumstances;
- 4.** This resolution and the authority granted under it shall expire upon the earliest of the following events:
 - a.** The Governor of the State of Michigan declares that the current state of emergency has ended;
 - b.** The passage of a resolution by this body terminating this resolution;
 - c.** April 20, 2020.

Passed this 16th day of March 2020

Ayes: Williams, Shaw, Watley, Chisholm, Washington, Howard (per; email vote)

Nays: 0

So resolved.



Hon. Mayor Wimberly



Felicia Rutledge
City Clerk