RESOLUTION NO. 20-25
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

October 13, 2020

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is in the midst of a pandemic that is growing at a near-exponential rate, causing illness and death that is devastating Wisconsin families, straining our health care system, and crippling our economy; and,

WHEREAS, the only way Wisconsinites can stay safe, save our health care system, and revitalize our economy is to slow the spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, with out vaccine or more effective means of treating the disease, the only tools we have to slow the spread of the disease is to stay apart and wear a mask when we cannot stay apart; and,

WHEREAS, college and university students are driving the increase in cases, with the highest rate of new COVID-19 cases in 18-24-year-olds; and,

WHEREAS, without measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, especially among the college-age population, Wisconsin and Wisconsinites will suffer from more unnecessary illness, vulnerability from an overwhelmed health care system, and insecurity from an unstable economy; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council, pursuant to his authority under sections 323.11 and 323.14(4), Stats., and Section 3.21 of the Platteville General Code of Ordinances, may proclaim that a state of emergency exists and invoke the emergency powers granted under ordinance and statute,

WHEREAS, based on input from state and local public health officials, medical professionals, and business leaders, Governor Evers determined a statewide face covering requirement is necessary to protect person throughout the State of Wisconsin from COVID-19.

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds a face covering requirement is necessary for the public health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons within the City of Platteville,

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Platteville, Wisconsin, pursuant to the authority under sections 323.11 and 323.14(4), Stats., and Section 3.21 of the Platteville General Code of Ordinances, as follows:

1. That a state of emergency is hereby declared for the City of Platteville pursuant sections 323.11 and 323.14(4), Stats., and Section 3.21 of the Platteville General Code of Ordinances.
2. That the state of emergency shall be in effect until December 31, 2020, unless extended or terminated by the Common Council.
3. That this declaration of emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Clerk.

4. That this declaration of emergency activates the City of Platteville emergency operations plan pursuant to Section 3.21 of the Platteville General Code of Ordinances.
5. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
6. That pursuant to the authority granted by the above provisions, it is declared that the following regulations are now in effect and have the force of law:
7. The City Manager may, after consultation with the City Attorney, issue orders to suspend enforcement actions, that are not in conflict with existing state or federal laws, in order to mitigate the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on city workers, residents of, and business and non-profits within the City of Platteville in accordance with Section 3.21 of the General Code of Ordinances. This includes the power to extend deadlines, waive penalties, issue permits or licenses, contract or waive contractual terms, or such other actions as are appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City and its residents. To the extent any such actions by the City Manager affect a legislative enactment of the Common Council, or create what amounts to a new legislative enactment, the actions shall be presented in a resolution to the Common Council at the next meeting when the resolution may be considered. By the resolution, the Council may affirm, rescind, or amend any of the orders issued by the City Manager.
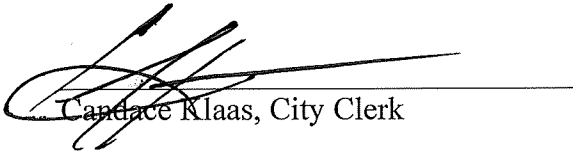
Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Platteville on this 13th day of October 2020.

CITY OF PLATTEVILLE,

By: Barbara Daus, Council President

Attest:

Candace Klaas, City Clerk