

**CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2021

A RESOLUTION OF CONSENT TO A DECLARED LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

At a special meeting of the City Council for the City of the Village of Douglas, Michigan, held virtually by Zoom, Douglas, Michigan, on the 2nd day of April at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Donovan, North, Seabert, Van Loon, Lion

ABSENT: Miller, Mooradian

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson North and supported by Councilperson Van Loon.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Mayor of the City of the Village of Douglas has declared a state of emergency in response to the situation presented by the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and Associated Variants and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2021 the Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) made the following findings in the Gatherings and Face Mask Order,

“The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. It is caused by a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and easily spread from person to person. COVID-19 spreads through close human contact, even from individuals who may be asymptomatic.

And continuing,

Considering the above, and upon the advice of scientific and medical experts, MDHHS have concluded pursuant to MCL 333.2253 that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute an epidemic in Michigan. MDHHS have also, subject to the grant of authority in 2020 PS 238 (signed into law on October 22, 2020), herein defined the symptoms of COVID-19 based on the latest epidemiological evidence. MDHHS further conclude that control of the epidemic is necessary to protect the public health and that it is necessary to restrict gatherings and establish procedures to be followed during the epidemic to ensure the continuation of essential public health services and enforcement of health laws. As provided in MCL 33.2253, these emergency procedures are not limited to the Public Health Code.

WHEREAS the City of the Village of Douglas desires to conduct public business in a safe, consistent, transparent manner so as not to place at risk members of the public, city staff, and elected/appointed officials, all whom have different risk factors and ability to receive a vaccination.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, PA 254 of 2020, the ability to conduct remote, electronic “virtual” meetings after March 31, 2021, is in most cases contingent on the declaration of a local state of emergency or state of disaster.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City Charter, the Mayor holds the power to officially declare a state of emergency under the law and has done so rightfully in light of the facts and evidence currently known to the City, to include the findings made by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the information presented in the declaration and the information available through Allegan County regarding the public health threat posed by the COVID-19 novel coronavirus and its variant strains; and

WHEREAS, under Michigan law the state of emergency thus declared expires within seven days absent consent by City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: The City Council does consent and approve of the declaration of a local state of emergency, by means of which the City Council and all other public bodies of the City shall continue to meet by electronic and telephonic means after March 30, 2021 for so long as the emergency exists but no later than December 31, 2021.

A copy of the Declaration and this Resolution shall be promptly filed with the Department of State Police.

YEAS: Donovan, North, Seabert, Van Loon, Lion

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Miller, Mooradian

ADOPTED this 2nd day of April 2021

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Patricia Lion, City Mayor

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Pamela Aalderink, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Pamela Aalderink, the duly appointed Clerk of the City of the Village of Douglas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Douglas City Council at a regular meeting held on this 2nd day of April 2021 in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS

BY: _____