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Elgin Mayor Declares State of Emergency Over Coronavirus



Elgin, IL - In the City of Elgin's ongoing efforts to effectively prepare for the health, safety and economic impacts of coronavirus/COVID-19, Mayor David Kaptan signed a proclamation of emergency today.

The proclamation of emergency allows City officials to assemble resources and personnel to expedite emergency planning measures and boost the ability to deploy rapid response to threats posed by the coronavirus.

"Protecting the health and safety of the people in Elgin remains my first priority,"

said Mayor David Kaptain. “The proclamation is a proactive measure to ensure public safety and to expedite the procurement of goods and services and emergency planning decisions.”

The emergency powers conferred on the mayor by the Elgin Municipal Code include, but are not limited to:

- The power to purchase or goods and services the Mayor deems necessary to the City’s emergency response or for facilities
- The power to lease real property, structures, or both the Mayor deems necessary for the continued operation of City government
- The power to adopt rules to expedite issuance of permits necessary to address issues that arise from the emergency
- The power to redirect City funds to pay expense incurred as a result of responding to the emergency, to the extent sufficient funds are available and budgeted
- The power to delegate any or all of these duties to the City Manager, who may in turn delegate any or all of the duties

A complete list of emergency powers can be found in Elgin Municipal Code Chapter 2.76.040 at cityofelgin.org/code.

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