

Councilmember _____ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #20-076

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF RAMSEY, MINNESOTA, CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, the virus named “SARS-CoV-2,” is a new strain of coronavirus that has not previously been identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person and which causes a disease named “Coronavirus Disease 2019,” commonly known as “COVID-19,” which is a respiratory disease that can result in serious injury or death; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak in the state of Minnesota, Anoka County and in the City of Ramsey; the residents, businesses, and government have suffered and continue to experience significant impacts as a direct result of the pandemic outbreak and the actions required to respond to and mitigate these impacts; and,

WHEREAS, subject matter experts have determined that significant additional protective measures must be undertaken to reduce the impact of COVID-19 and such activity is and will continue to require activity beyond the current and usual resources of the City of Ramsey, requiring state and federal assistance; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz declared a Peacetime State of Emergency to authorize all necessary resources to be used in support of the COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Ramsey signed a Declaration of Local Emergency in the City of Ramsey on March 17, 2020, valid for 72 hours requiring ratification and consent to extension by the city council in an emergency meeting; and,

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Ramsey City Council ratified and consented to the extension of the Local State of Emergency declared by Mayor LeTourneau and,

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued an Executive Order 20-20 directing Minnesotans to stay at home beginning Friday, March 27, 2020, at 11:59 pm through Friday, April 10, 2020, at 5:00 pm, and on Wednesday, April 8 extended Executive Order 20-20 through May 3, 2020 at 11:59 pm; and,

WHEREAS, the Ramsey City Council anticipates both the national emergency and the state-declared Peacetime Emergency will extend beyond the expiration of the current 30-day period of the Local State of Emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the Ramsey City Council expects that the necessary local response to the COVID-19 health crisis will likely continue past the previously ratified 30-day period:

WHEREAS, the City Administrator and Emergency Management Director find that traditional sources of financial aid, assistance and relief will not be able to compensate for the potential impact of COVID-19, and have determined that the necessary resources to respond to and recover from this pandemic will exceed those resources available within the City of Ramsey, and additional resources will be needed from Anoka County, State and Federal sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT MAYOR JOHN LE TOURNEAU OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, HEREBY PROCLAIMS, DECLARES, REQUESTS, AND DIRECTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Under the authority given by Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.29, declares that the local emergency previously ratified on March 19, 2020 within the City of Ramsey, effective until April 14, 2020, be extended and effective through Saturday, June 13 2020, unless further extended by or with the consent of the City Council pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.29, Subd. 1.
- 2) Directs the City Manager and Emergency Management Director to continue to coordinate such actions and request such local, state and /or federal assistance as needed to protect the lives and public and private property in the City of Ramsey and the recovery of the City from impacts of this situation to the extent practicable and allowed by law, ordinance and resolution.
- 3) Orders that this declaration be given prompt and general publicity and that it be filed promptly by the City Clerk.

The motion of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember _____, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

and the following abstained:

and the following were absent:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 14th day of April, 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk