



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 020-031  
DATE OF PASSAGE May 12, 2020

An Ordinance confirming the ongoing State of Emergency within the City of Aurora due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued a Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation declaring a state of emergency throughout the State of Illinois as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Aurora declared a state of emergency within the City pursuant to Section 11-1-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, upon the declaration of said state of emergency, the Mayor became authorized to execute the powers set forth in Section 2-45 of the City Code of the City of Aurora (Section 2-45); and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the City Council confirmed the state of emergency within the City; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the Governor extended the statewide state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the underlying causes of the state of emergency as previously declared by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council continue to exist within the City and are likely to persist for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it appropriate to remain in a state of emergency so long as a statewide state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic remains in effect;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows: that the state of emergency first declared by the Mayor on March 16, 2020 and confirmed by the Council on April 1, 2020 shall remain in effect so long as the State of Illinois remains in a statewide state of emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and further

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Mayor shall continue to be vested with the authority conferred by Section 2-45 so long as the state of emergency confirmed by this Ordinance remains in effect;

BE IT ORDAINED, that during the time that the state of emergency confirmed by this Ordinance remains in effect, the Mayor shall be and hereby is authorized to enter into any intergovernmental or mutual aid agreement on behalf of the corporate authorities of the City to the extent that such agreement is intended to effectuate any action convenient or necessary to cope with or mitigate the effects of the emergency, including, but not limited to agreements, required to carry out the purposes of Section 2-45 or provide access to financial aid to the City or its residents; and further

BE IT ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall immediately cease to be effective upon the conclusion of the statewide state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic or upon the earlier declaration by the Mayor; and further

BE IT ORDAINED, that nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as limiting the authority of the Mayor to declare a state of emergency within the City in accordance with the law for reasons unrelated to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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PASSED AND APPROVED ON May 12, 2020

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ALDERMAN	Vote
Alderman Llamas, Ward 1	absent
Alderman Garza, Ward 2	yes
Alderman Mesiacos, Ward 3	yes
Alderman Donnell, Ward 4	yes
Alderman Franco, Ward 5	yes
Alderman Saville, Ward 6	yes
Alderman Hart-Burns, Ward 7	yes
Alderman Smith, Ward 8	yes
Alderman Bugg, Ward 9	yes
Alderman Lofchie, Ward 10	yes
Alderman Jenkins, At Large	yes
Alderman O'Connor, At Large	yes

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor