



# Village of Woodridge

## PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY AND INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY POWERS

I, **GINA CUNNINGHAM**, the duly elected Mayor for the Village of Woodridge, an Illinois home rule municipality (“Village”), having been duly sworn on oath, proclaim (1) that as of **March 17, 2020** a State of Emergency exists within the Village; and (2) I invoke Emergency Powers pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 6 of the Village of Woodridge Municipal Code (the “Code”), and Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/11). In support of the foregoing, I state:

1. On or about March 9, 2020, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker declared an emergency in the State of Illinois because of the significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) within the State (hereafter, the “Civil Emergency”).

2. COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions and present with symptoms similar to those of influenza. Certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19, including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease.

3. In communities with confirmed COVID-19 cases, the Center for Disease Control currently recommends mitigation measures, including staying at home: 1) when sick, 2) when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms, or 3) when instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider; and keeping away from others who are sick.

4. The circumstances surrounding COVID-19 constitute a public health emergency under Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

5. For the reasons set forth above, the Civil Emergency is of such magnitude that it constitutes an actual and/or imminently potential threat to lives and property within the Village's corporate boundaries.

6. Because of the Civil Emergency, extraordinary measures needed to be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

7. On March 17, 2020, at approximately 2:00pm, I exercised Emergency Powers and caused the following actions to be taken pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 6 of the Code:

**A. Emergency Purchasing** – Pursuant to Section 2-6-10 of the Code, I order that the Village may enter into contracts for the emergency purchase of goods and services that may be necessary in preparation for, response to, and recovery from, the COVID-19 pandemic. The Village and the Village Administrator are hereby authorized to execute such contracts in accordance with applicable law.

**B. Emergency Staffing** – This Proclamation constitutes a declaration of a civil emergency and as such I direct the Village Administrator to implement such emergency staffing protocols and procedures as may be necessary for the preservation of public health and safety, and for the preservation of the health of Village employees. Specifically, and without limitation of the foregoing, the Village Administrator is authorized to implement alternative staffing protocols, procedures, and shifts for all Village Departments.

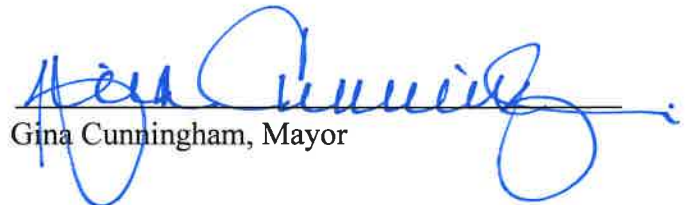
**C. Cooperation with Other Government Agencies** – Pursuant to Section 2-6-6 of the Code, I direct all Village officials and employees to take all practicable steps to coordinate the Village's resources and emergency operations with the State of Illinois, the County of


DuPage, and other local governments in and around the Village, to best utilize resources of all agencies in the area, in preparation for, response to, and recovery from, the COVID-19 pandemic.

8. My justification for taking the foregoing actions is because a Civil Emergency continues to exist, and, therefore, there remains within the Village a continuing need to exercise Emergency Powers.

9. The foregoing Emergency Powers shall expire within seven (7) days of the date set forth hereinabove, at the conclusion of the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, or the withdrawal of the declaration of the State of Emergency, whichever occurs sooner.

10. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to make public notification of the State of Emergency and exercise of Emergency Powers by notifying a news media publication of general circulation in the Village and by causing copies of this Proclamation to be posted at Village Hall, at the Village's main Post Office, and on the Village's website.

  
Gina Cunningham, Mayor

Attest:   
Joseph Kagann, Village Clerk

