

**VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON
COLUMBIA COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY
PURSUANT TO WIS. STATS. §323.14(4)(b)**

WHEREAS, the 2019 novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease; the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States significantly affect the lives and health of citizens, as well as the economy, and is a disaster that impacts the health, security and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health organization designated the 2019 novel Coronavirus outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; on January 31, 2020, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a Public Health Emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization announced that the COVID-19 outbreak is to be characterized as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, through Executive Order #72 declared a State of Emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency with respect to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has or is expected to impact the Village of Arlington; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Arlington in cooperation with the local, state and federal governmental entities desires to take action to prevent exposure to and spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, emergency conditions exist, and the Village Board of the Village of Arlington is unable to hold an open meeting promptly; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stats. §323.11 and §323.14(4)(b), it is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, welfare and good order of the Village of Arlington to proclaim that emergency conditions exist; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Arlington requests State and Federal assistance and advises the State of Wisconsin of its emergency conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Wis. Stats. §323.11 and §323.14(4)(b), as Village President of the Village of Arlington, I hereby:

1. Proclaim that a public health state of emergency exists in the Village of Arlington;
and
2. Authorize the emergency purchase of goods and materials; and
3. Authorize emergency purchases of services; and
4. Authorize the direction of emergency response activities by Village Departments;
and
5. Authorize the closure or other appropriate limitations related to access by the
public in all Village buildings; and
6. Authorize the Village Clerk/Treasurer to assist and take all appropriate measures
related to Village employees in addressing and responding to this state of
emergency; and
7. Authorize the continued day to day operations, including the payment of invoices
and charges on behalf of the Village and its departments; and
8. This Proclamation shall be implemented consistent with applicable laws and
subject to the availability of existing monies for such purposes; and
9. The initial period for this emergency shall be thirty (30) days from the date of this
Declaration, unless extended; and
10. Under 323.14(4)(b), Stats., this proclamation shall be subject to ratification,
alteration, modification or repeal by the governing body as soon as that body can
meet, but the subsequent action taken by the governing body shall not affect the
proper validity of this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of April, 2020.

VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON

By: 

Bryan Bjorge, Village President