

LE SUEUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
MODIFYING THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners, on April 7, 2020, passed a resolution extending the Declaration for a Local State of Emergency due to the global COVID-19 pandemic event; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Minnesota, has implemented various Emergency Executive Orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic as it continues to present an unprecedented and rapidly evolving challenge to our State. Minnesota has taken extraordinary steps to prevent and respond to the pandemic. On February 12, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order 21-07, **Extending the COVID-19 Peacetime Emergency Declared in Executive Order 20-01**, declaring a peacetime emergency because this pandemic, an act of nature, threatens the lives of Minnesotans, and local resources are inadequate to address the threat.

WHEREAS, The County Board Chair, Emergency Management Director, and Human Resources Director are to coordinate such actions and activities as necessary and request such local, state and/or federal assistance as needed to protect lives, and public and private property in Le Sueur County and the recovery of Le Sueur County from the impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic to the extent practicable and allowed by law, ordinance and resolution; and

WHEREAS, effective February 22, 2021, the Le Sueur County Courthouse will reopen public-facing County services at 88 S. Park Ave., Le Center, MN; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners hereby directed county staff to undertake a period of planning to define creative solutions for serving our residents who will come to the County Courthouse offices, and continue to serve those who do not require person-to-person contact, to deliver important Government services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners hereby orders the local emergency is hereby extended **until further notice**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all Le Sueur County employees are considered Critical and are exempted from the Governors' Emergency Order in accordance with: Governors' Emergency Executive Order 20-20, Exemption 6.

- All employees that can work from home using virtual measures or other means and are approved by their Department Head shall do so.
- All employees can be reassigned to other Departments to serve the needs of the county to support all other government functions due to change in workload relating to health, safety, and welfare of the public, to preserve the essential elements of the financial system of government, and to continue priority services.
- If workload decreases within the governmental services being provided, said employees shall be allowed to use paid or **unpaid leave**, as approved by their Supervisor, following leave policies.
- The County Board Chair shall be granted authority to reevaluate job classifications, which governmental services are critical and determine if the position is critical or not, **until further notice**.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Le Sueur County will continue to provide services to the public. Operations may be reduced to comply with declared Emergency Executive Orders. The following shall be in effect **until further notice**.

Non-governmental citizens may enter the Le Sueur County Buildings through prearranged entrance points.

- **Good hygiene, face covering, social distance, screening, exposure and illness protocols will be followed.**
- Doors on the West entrance of the Courthouse will be unlocked for public access.
- Doors on the East and South side of the Courthouse will remain locked; entrance will be for employees only.
- Doors are open to the Highway Department, Parks Department, and Environmental, Planning and Zoning.
- For Parks Buildings access, please contact the Parks Department.
- The Environmental, Planning and Zoning Department will require scheduled appointments.
- The Justice Center Sheriff's Office lobby will continue to remain open.
- Public access requirements for the Justice Center (Courts, Court Administration and Probation) will be determined by the State of Minnesota.
- Services and operation hours will continue to be provided to the citizens through phone, fax, e-mail, etc.
- Recycling drop off sites will remain open for health and safety.

Adopted February 16, 2021

County Board Chair

Date