

Declaration of a Local State of Emergency

City of Ann Arbor, Michigan

To: Commanding Officer – Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, Michigan State Police; District 2 South Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division Coordinator.

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. It is caused by a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and easily spread from person to person. There is currently no approved vaccine or antiviral treatment for this disease. On March 10, 2020, Governor Whitmer declared a state of emergency and a disaster to address the COVID-19 pandemic. She has re-issued and extended such declarations repeatedly since that date, with the most current Executive Order (2020-165) effective through September 4, 2020.

Washtenaw County has reported approximately 2,397 confirmed cases of COVID-19 to date. The County also reports that in the first two weeks of August there was a 12% increase in the proportion of cases among 18 to 24-year-olds compared to the month of July. In the past two weeks, COVID-19 cases in those 30 years of age and younger represented 60% of reported cases in Washtenaw County. This trend of an increasing percentage of young people becoming infected with COVID-19 is present in many states across the country. At the same time, thousands of students are returning to the universities and colleges in the City of Ann Arbor, many from states with high rates of COVID-19, living in congregate settings, and traditionally disposed toward socializing in large groups. Such circumstances within the City threatens to cause widespread transmission of COVID-19 if emergency actions are not taken.

Therefore, as Chief Elected Official of the City of Ann Arbor, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, and Chapter 15 of the City Code, I hereby declare that a "state of emergency" exists within our jurisdiction, that the response and recovery elements of our emergency operations plan have been activated, and that local resources are being utilized to the fullest possible extent.

Christopher Taylor

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Authorized by: Christopher Taylor, Mayor

Date