

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-25**  
**INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY IN THE HANDLING OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS AS IT PERTAINS TO CITY OPERATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

**WHEREAS**, the disease is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, the virus is spread between individuals who are in close contact with each other (within about six feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; it may be possible that individuals can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose or eyes; and

**WHEREAS**, by March 15, 2020, testing by the Department of Health confirmed that fifty (50) patients were positive for COVID-19 in the State of Ohio, creating a potentially dangerous condition which may affect the health, safety and welfare of citizens of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine issued an Executive Order effective immediately, declaring a state of emergency for the entire State to protect the well-being of the citizens of Ohio from the dangerous effects of COVID-19, and

**WHEREAS**, Governor DeWine further asked state agencies to develop and implement procedures, including suspending or adopting temporary rules within an agency's authority, consistent with recommendations from the Department of Health designed to prevent or alleviate this public health threat; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration, consistent with actions now being taken by state and county officials, seeks to have Council authorize it to act quickly to institute any and all reasonable measures to protect the public health as well as the health of City's employees by reducing the risk of contracting and/or spreading this dangerous illness; and

**WHEREAS**, Council, aware of the seriousness of the COVID-19 virus, deems it in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the community to authorize the Mayor and members of his Administration to execute any and all reasonable plans to contain the spread of the virus by deploying personnel in a manner deemed best to minimize contact with the general public wherever and whenever possible.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, STATE OF OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** That Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute any and all reasonable plans to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus by, among other things, deploying personnel in a manner deemed best suited to minimize contact with the general public wherever and whenever possible. Furthermore, the Mayor is authorized to take any emergency actions directed by the Governor or the County Health Department to protect the employees and the citizens of Lyndhurst as we all try to deal with the COVID-19 and until such time as it is determined that the threat no longer exists.

**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Lyndhurst, the immediate emergency being the necessity to authorize the Mayor to take any and all, especially with regard to the deployment of personnel deemed necessary to protect the public and the City's employees from contracting and/or spreading the COVID-19 virus; therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon the vote of not less than five members elected to Council and signature by the Mayor otherwise at the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED: March 16, 2020

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**MAYOR**

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**VICE MAYOR**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk of Council**

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Lyndhurst, hereby certify that there is no newspaper published or having an office of publication in said City, and that I published the foregoing Resolution by advertising the same by title on one day in each of two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in said City, on March 26, 2020 and April 2, 2020.

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**Clerk of Council**

First Reading: March 16, 2020

Second Reading: Suspended

Third Reading: Suspended

Passed 3-16-2020