

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION
For Inclusion on Board Agenda

 X Resolution or Ordinance (Blue) _____ *Waiver of First Requested*
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TO: PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: Scott Niehaus, Village Manager

DATE: May 13, 2020 (B of T) Date: May 21, 2020

TITLE: **A Resolution Seeking Consideration of a Localized/County Approach to Reopen Business and Resume Civic Activity**

BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Attached please find a Resolution Seeking Consideration of Localized/County Approach to Reopen Businesses and Resume Civic Activity. The proposed resolution recommends consideration of a localized/county approach to reopening the State, encourages the Governor to consider certain recommendations of the Illinois Municipal League, and urges the Governor to urge the General Assembly to discuss provisions of the Restore Illinois Plan.

Please place this item under Items for Separate Action on agenda for the May 2020, Board of Trustees meeting.

Review (as necessary):

Village Attorney X _____ Date _____
Finance Director X _____ Date _____
Village Manager X _____ Date _____

NOTE: All materials must be submitted to and approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION SEEKING CONSIDERATION OF A LOCALIZED/COUNTY APPROACH TO REOPEN BUSINESSES AND RESUME CIVIC ACTIVITY

WHEREAS, 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; and 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; and

WHEREAS, State of Illinois Governor J. B. Pritzker issued a Disaster Proclamation on March 9, 2020, declaring all counties in the State of Illinois a disaster area under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/1 et seq. (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard (the “Village”) and its officials and residents recognize that the Act authorizes the Governor of the State of Illinois to issue emergency disaster proclamations and confers upon the Governor certain enumerated emergency powers after a disaster has been proclaimed; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020 Governor J.B. Pritzker issued Executive Order No. 2020-10, which *inter alia* ordered that: (1) residents were to stay at home or place of residence; (2) “non-essential” businesses and operations must “cease”; (3) certain activity is “prohibited” in any form, except for “essential activities” which include, among other things (a) “outdoor activity” so long as “social distancing” is adhered to, (b) essential travel, as well as (c) food, medical, day care and professional services; and (4) citizens must engage in “social distancing” which specifically requires citizens to (a) maintain a six foot social distance from others, (b) wash hands with soap “for at least twenty seconds” as frequently as possible, (c) cover coughs or sneezes, and (d) not shake hands (the “Stay at Home Order”); and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued a second Disaster Proclamation continuing the same COVID-19 disaster, and issued an additional Executive Order (No. 2020-18) extending the Stay at Home Order until April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the Governor issued a third Disaster Proclamation and Executive Order Nos. 2020-32 and 2020-33 easing certain restrictions in the Stay at Home Order, but increasing and adding certain restrictions such as mandating the use of masks or face coverings, and extending the Stay at Home Order through and including May 29, 2020 (the “Amended Stay at Home Order”); and

WHEREAS, while the Stay at Home Order and Amended Stay at Home Order have helped reduce the number of cases of individuals contracting COVID-19 and deaths in Illinois, they have also had a devastating financial impact on the businesses and residents in the State of Illinois and of the Village, and the extension of the Stay at Home Order through and including May 29, 2020, with the revisions set forth in the Amended Stay at Home Order, will cause further negative economic impact on the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village is continuing its efforts to prepare for any eventuality given that this is a novel illness and given the known health risks it poses for the elderly and those with serious chronic medical conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The President and Board of Trustees (the “Corporate Authorities) of the Village recommend and encourage the Governor to consider a more specific localized/county approach to re-opening the State, that would allow each area to address the needs of their residents and businesses directly;

SECTION TWO: The Corporate Authorities of the Village acknowledge that any plan to re-open the community will include sound public health practices with the need to resume strong, but safe, levels of business and civic activity, with any such plan also including a phased approach that incorporates appropriate safety measures as recommended by public health officials;

SECTION THREE: The Corporate Authorities of the Village encourage the Governor to consider the recommendations made by the Illinois Municipal League in its letter to the Governor dated May 11, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B and made part hereof, which calls upon the Governor to modify the Restore Illinois Plan to align with the current 11 original EMS regions as identified by the State of Illinois, as well as to use a 14 day timeline period for each region to meet the metrics identified by the Restore Illinois Plan;

SECTION FOUR: The Corporate Authorities of the Village also urge the Governor to procure support from the General Assembly to formally extend the duration of the declared emergency and the Governor’s emergency powers under the Act; in addition, the Village urges the General Assembly to discuss the provisions of the Restore Illinois Plan so that the concerns and recommendations expressed in this Resolution can be duly debated by our local elected representatives;

SECTION FIVE: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, as provided by law.

Passed this 21st day of May, 2020, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

Approved by me this 21st day of May, 2020.

Keith T. Giagnorio, Village President

ATTEST:

Sharon Kuderna, Village Clerk