

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 02

**RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY FOR THE
TOWN OF ALBION IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of the Coronavirus was discovered to cause a respiratory disease now known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been discovered to be highly contagious and capable of causing severe adverse health consequences, including hospitalization and death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has spread throughout numerous countries including the United States and numerous cases have been discovered in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency; and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers declared the existence of a Public Health Emergency with regard to the COVID-19 outbreak, pursuant to section 323.02(16) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020 the Secretary-Designee of the Department of Health Services of the State of Wisconsin issued Emergency Order #12 - Safer at Home Order; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin and particularly in proximity to the Town of Albion, constitutes a condition in the Town posing an imminent threat of a disaster within the meaning of Chapter 323 of the Wisconsin Statutes that impairs medical care; protection of health, and other critical systems of Dane County; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons within in the Town of Albion that reasonable and prudent steps be taken to treat those infected with COVID-19 and to prevent, limit, and contain the potential community transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, declaring a local state of emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect persons from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19 while ensuring the continuity of critical operations of the Town of Albion.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ALBION, that pursuant to sections 323.11 and 323.14(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes and sections 138-6 and 138-9, 248-2 through 248-4 and 318-3 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Albion; in light of the imminent threat to the provision of medical care and public health that is posed by COVID-19; to protect public peace, health, and safety; and to preserve lives and property, economic stability; and insure cooperation and coordination, that a local emergency now exists within the Town of Albion and shall be effective this date until the emergency conditions no longer exist as determined by the Town Chair or until modified by further proclamation or further action of the Town of Albion Town Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDERS ARE ISSUED:

1. The provisions of any administrative or personnel policy or rule are suspended if the Town Chair determines that compliance with the rule or policy would prevent, hinder or delay necessary actions to respond to the emergency and increase the health threat.
2. During the local emergency any Town Board member, or member of any other board, commission or committee may be permitted to participate by telephone or verbally by computer in any publicly noticed meeting in the same manner as if such board, commission or committee member were physically present. The individual shall give notice to the town of their intent to so participate as soon as practicable.
3. All town departments and employees are directed to assist, as appropriate and as directed by the Town Chair, in the town's ongoing response to the Public Health Emergency.
4. All instructions as to any potential closing of traffic routes or business or curfew restrictions, as determined by the Town Chair will be disseminated to the public via multimedia on a timely and regularly basis. The Deputy are authorized to enforce said restrictions.
5. The Town Chair has the authority to do whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety and welfare of the town during the emergency.
6. The requirements of all executive orders issued by the governor concerning a state of emergency related to public health pursuant to section 323.10, Wis. Stats. addressing COVID-19 and the requirements of all emergency orders issued by the Department of Health Services of the State of Wisconsin pursuant to section 252.02 (3) and (6), Wis. Stats., addressing COVID-19 are adopted by reference. However, they shall be effective for such period of time as the local emergency conditions exist. Further, the Town Chair and Deputy are authorized to enforce said requirements.
7. Any restrictions imposed on campgrounds will apply equally to all vacation homes or rental homes and common areas located on property zoned Planned Development-General (PD-Gen) not otherwise occupied as a primary residence.
8. This resolution shall be forwarded to the Dane County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Any person or persons who violates a lawful order of the town board or its agents made under this emergency declaration shall be fined \$200.00 for first offense, \$400.00 for second offense, and \$600.00 per day for third offense

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be filed with the Town Clerk/Treasurer on the first regular business day following its approval.

Approved by the Town Board of the Town of Albion this 21st day of April, 2020.

TOWN OF ALBION

By: 
Bob Venske, Town Chairperson

ATTEST:

By: 
Julie Hanewall, Clerk-Treasurer