

State of Illinois
County of McHenry
Village of Prairie Grove

***EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-01
FOLLOWING A DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN THE VILLAGE OF PRAIRIE GROVE, ILLINOIS (COVID-19)***

***An Executive Order Related to Temporary Suspension of Chapter 24.08(A)(1), 24.08(A)(2),
24.08(A)(3) and 24.08(A)(5) of the Village of Prairie Grove Municipal Code***

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, on March 16, 2020 the Village of Prairie Grove President David F. Underwood, Ph.D. declared a State of Emergency in light of the dangers to public health presented by the spread of the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor J.B. Pritzker declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker signed Executive Order 2020-07 which mandated that all businesses in the State of Illinois offering food or beverages for onsite consumption, including restaurants bars, grocery stores, and food halls, must suspend service for and may not permit on-premises consumption from March 16, 2020 through March 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-07 also mandates that all public and private gatherings in the State of Illinois of 50 people or more are prohibited for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation and the White House has discouraged social gatherings of greater than ten people to limit the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020 Illinois Governor Pritzker issued COVID-19 Executive Order 2020-10 that, among other things, issued a stay at home order for state residents and has restricted the operations of non-essential businesses effective through April 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 public health crisis and attendant measures taken to protect the public health have created an economic challenge for Village businesses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Village of Prairie Grove Municipal Code, Chapter 2, section 2.2, following a declaration of a Local State of Emergency the Village President may, in the interest of public safety and welfare, and to address this issues caused [or] threatened by the emergency, take such actions by Executive Order as are reasonably necessary to respond to the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Village President, exercising the powers granted pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 2.2 has determined that it is appropriate and in the best interest of the welfare of Village businesses, owners and employees to temporarily suspend certain provisions of Chapter 24.08, Temporary Signs, of the Village Municipal Code as recited below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Village President, as follows:

SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: Enforcement of the Village of Prairie Grove Municipal Code, Chapter 24.08(A)(1), 24.08(A)(2), 24.08(A)(3) and 24.08(A)(5) is hereby suspended pursuant to Section 4, below, to provide for Village businesses to temporarily utilize temporary signs as defined in Chapter 24.08(B)(1) (“banner signs”), 24.08(B)(4) (“A-frame signs”) and 24.08(B)(5) (“feather flags”) for attracting customers to their establishments.

SECTION 3: The provisions of this Executive Order shall apply only to “Essential Businesses and Operations” as defined in Governor J.B. Pritzker’s Executive Order 2020-10.

SECTION 4: This Executive Order shall terminate at such time as the Governor or appropriate state official terminates the current State of Emergency for the State of Illinois or until such time as the Village President or Village Board terminates this executive order, whichever is sooner.

SECTION 5: In all other respects, the Village’s Sign Ordinance (Chapter 24 of the Municipal Code), regulations and policy shall remain unchanged and enforceable, and all businesses are expected to continue their compliance with state and local law and ordinance.

This Executive Order is approved and effective this 27th day of March 2020.



By: _____
Village President David F. Underwood, Ph.D.

Cc: Village Clerk Kim Minor