Proclamation

Declaring a local emergency

Whereas, Jake Spano, the Mayor of the City of St. Louis Park (the “Mayor”) finds that under the authority provided by Chapter 12 and related laws of the State of Minnesota, the following situation (the “Situation”) exists:

Peace Time Emergency Due to COVID 19 Health Pandemic

Whereas, the Governor has issued Executive Order 20-01 declaring a peace time emergency and coordinating Minnesota’s Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19 (attached);

Whereas, the Mayor finds that the Situation presents an unforeseen combination of circumstances that is sudden and unforeseen and could not have been anticipated;

Whereas, the Mayor finds that conditions in the City of St. Louis Park, Minnesota have worsened considerably as a result of the evolving Situation;

Whereas, the Mayor finds that this Situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the community, and threatens the continuation and efficient delivery of city services;

Whereas, the Mayor finds that the Situation poses a risk or may cause extensive personal injury, damage or disaster to the City if not immediately addressed; and

Whereas, the Mayor finds that traditional sources of relief are not able to repair or prevent the injury or loss.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that Mayor Spano of the City of St. Louis Park do hereby proclaim this Situation to be a local emergency effective at 7:32 pm on March 16, 2020.

This declaration of a local emergency will invoke the city’s disaster plan and authorize other appropriate community containment and mitigation strategies. The portions that are necessary for response to and recovery from the emergency are hereby authorized. To the extent that normal state laws and city policies and procedures impede an efficient response or compliance with federal and state directives or recommendations, the City Manager, Emergency Manager Director, and designees are hereby authorized to suspend compliance with those laws, policies and procedures as authorized by the Governor’s Declaration and M.S. § 12.32, and to take those actions deemed necessary to protect the public health and safety.

Wherefore, I set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of St. Louis Park to be affixed this day of March 16, 2020.

[Signature]
Jake Spano, Mayor