



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20 ("Public Health"), Article 1 ("Oak Park Department of Public Health"), Section 20-1-6 ("Authority and duties of the Director") of the Oak Park Village Code to Permit the Public Health Director to Make Reasonable Rules, Regulations and Orders Due to the Outbreak of COVID-19 Disease

Overview

On May 28, 2020 the Village Board adopted Ordinance 20-041 to provide ongoing COVID-19 public health response authority to the Public Health Director through November 15, 2020. Due to the continued outbreak of the COVID-19 disease in the State of Illinois and Oak Park staff recommends extending that authority through February 16, 2021. This will allow the Oak Park Public Health Director to continue to take the necessary steps to respond to the pandemic and adapt services, especially in congregate settings and similar.

Recommendation

Adopt the Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

N/A.

Background

On March 13, 2020, the Village Board adopted Resolution 20-120 declaring an emergency affecting the public health due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 disease in the State of Illinois. On April 6, 2020, the Village Board adopted Resolution 20-124 and on April 27, 2020 the Village Board adopted Resolution 20-128 which extended the declaration through June 1, 2020.

On May 28, 2020, the Village Board adopted Ordinance 20-041 to amend Chapter 20 of the Village Board to provide the Public Health Director, through November 15, 2020, authority to continue manage the day to day response to the pandemic from a public health perspective, especial in the Village's long term care and assisted living facilities without the tradition advance review and deliberation via the Board of Health and Village Board of Trustees. At this time, an extension of this authority is request through February 16, 2021. The ordinance extension continues to provide for the following authorities and duties, which have been

performed by the Public Health Director to continue in relationship to COVID-19:

Make such reasonable rules, regulations and orders as may from time to time be deemed necessary without review by the Village Board of Health and approval by the Village Board of Trustees due to the outbreak of COVID-19 disease in the State of Illinois through November 15, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Any rules, regulations and orders promulgated by the Public Health Director prior to June 1, 2020 due to the outbreak of COVID-19 disease which are not due to expire on or before June 1, 2020 shall remain in effect through their respective expiration dates or through November 15, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. as applicable.

It is also noted that on July 27, 2020, the Village Board adopted Resolution 20-184 which declared an emergency affecting public health due to the ongoing outbreak of the COVID-19 disease through September 14, 2020.

The Village continues the public health response to the pandemic in step with the State of Illinois, under the Restore Illinois five-phased plan in order to reopen the community guided by health metrics. Currently, the Village and State are under Phase 4 of the plan.

Alternatives

The Board could alternatively require such public health matters to come before the Village Board for approval.

Previous Board Action

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Citizen Advisory Commission Action

The Board of Health has not weighed in on this recommendation.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

Subject to the course of the pandemic, further review of the ordinance may be required in the future.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

As a Certified Public Health Department, the Village's staff works closely with the Illinois Department of Public Health and other local certified public health departments.