



## Agenda Item Summary

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### **Agenda Item Title**

**A Resolution Extending the Declaration of Emergency Affecting the Public Health through June 1, 2020 Due to the Outbreak of the COVID-19 Disease in the State of Illinois as Previously Declared by Resolution 20-120 and Resolution 20-124**

### **Overview**

The Village Board is being asked to extend the declaration of emergency affecting the public health through June 1, 2020 due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 disease in the State of Illinois as previously declared by Resolution 20-120 and Resolution 20-124. This is a necessary procedural step under state law and the Village Code to respond to rapidly changing challenges of the novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19.

### **Staff Recommendation**

The Coordinator of the Oak Park Emergency Service Disaster Agency (ESCA), who is Police Chief Reynolds, has recommended the previously adopted declaration of emergency be extended through June 1, 2020 in accordance with Section 2-27-9 of the Village Code.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Adoption of the Resolution authorizes any purchase or contracts necessary to place the Village in a position to protect the public health and safety and protect property. Section 2-6-10 of the Oak Park Village Code further provides that urgently needed material or urgent repairs involving labor and material may be obtained through negotiated contract without formal advertising with the approval of the Village Manager, when it is in the best interest of the Village and when it is impractical to convene a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

### **Background**

The Village Board is being asked to extend its current approval, a procedural step under state law and the Village Code, that empowers municipal administrators to continue to respond more quickly to the rapidly changing challenges of the novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19. Extending the declaration of emergency continues to give the legal authority for rapid mobilization of resources as needed and create the mechanisms necessary for any future reimbursements by the state and federal governments.

Oak Park has a certified Public Health Department, one of six others that exist in Cook County along with Cook County, the City of Chicago, City of Evanston, Village of Skokie, and the Stickney Public Health District.

The extension of the declaration of emergency by Oak Park would temporarily suspend purchasing rules such as bidding requirements and Board contract approvals when quick action is deemed necessary to protect public health and it is impractical to convene a board meeting.

Further the Public Health Director will continue to have the authority to recommend and implement if necessary, reasonable rules, regulations and orders such as cancelling of public events per Section 20-1-6(Z) of the Village Code.

**Alternatives**

The Village Board could delay action or seek additional information.

**Previous Board Action**

N/A.

**Citizen Advisory Commission Action**

N/A

**Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments**

The Village Board may be asked to take further such action as necessary.

**Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities**

The Village is working closely with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) as a certified public health department.