

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR  
OF THE CITY OF ELSBERRY, LINCOLN COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**CANCELLING THE APRIL 14, 2020 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes;

WHEREAS, there is a national pandemic regarding the COVID-19 virus and as of April 9, 2020 there are 453,748 confirmed positive cases in the United States, with over 16,034 deaths related to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the pandemic has rapidly affected Missouri, because as of April 9, 2020, there are 3,327 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Missouri and 58 deaths;

WHEREAS, in Lincoln County, Missouri, the Lincoln County Health Department (“LCHD”) has seen the evidence of community spread of COVID-19, and as of April 9, 2020, there were 25 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Lincoln County, Missouri and 1 death;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that confirmed positive cases will continue to rise in the State of Missouri;

WHEREAS, only through responsible social and health actions, will the public be able to battle this pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Commission on March 16, 2020 issued a formal State of Emergency Proclamation in support of efforts throughout Lincoln County, Missouri to slow the spread of the SARS-C6V-2 virus, the cause of the COVID-19 Pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, Governor Mike Parson of the State of Missouri and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services issued an order under Missouri Statute imposing a restriction upon the number of individuals assembling in the State to further reduce the spread of COVID49;

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020 the LCHD did make an Order regarding limitations of social gatherings of ten (10) people or more;

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the LCHD did make an Order giving further guidance and limiting activities and business operations;

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2020, the LCHD did make and issue a new Stay-At-Home Because You Are Safer-At-Home Order that extends to April 20, 2020;

WHEREAS, many people did not comply with these Orders creating additional threat of community spread of the virus;;

WHEREAS an emergency exists regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and it is necessary to take appropriate action to protect public life, health, safety, and property;

WHEREAS, the City of Elsberry wishes to employ all means available under the law to protect public life, health, safety and property so that the development, contraction and spread of COVW-19 will be limited;

WHEREAS, prior to the LCHD's April 4, 2020 Order, the City of Elsberry had previously scheduled its regular Board of Aldermen meeting for April 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.;

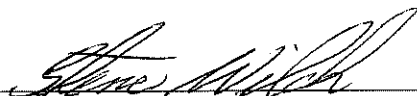
WHEREAS, the City of Elsberry does not currently have the technological equipment to conduct proper remote meetings and does not have facilities to maintain adequate social distancing for a public meeting under the current laws and orders;

WHEREAS, the State legislature has not provided for emergency legislation to enable cities to easily conduct remote meetings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elsberry Board of Aldermen does not have any pressing business that could not wait until after the termination date of the LCHD Order.

NOW THEREFORE, based on this emergency, I hereby invoke, and shall exercise, the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Elsberry in such states of emergency to cancel the regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen public meeting for April. Such meeting shall be rescheduled for the earliest date that is safe for the public and convenient to the Board of Aldermen. The City Clerk shall give adequate advance notice of the new date for the meeting after the date is set by me in consultation with the President of the board of Aldermen.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Elsberry, Lincoln County, Missouri, to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

  
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MAYOR

Attest:   
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City Clerk

