

CITY OF LAKE CITY
MISSAUKEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Resolution number 2021-09

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ALLOW
THIS RESOLUTION TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ADOPTION.

Recorded in the minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Lake City, Missaukee County,
Michigan held on this date: OCT. 18, 2021

The following motion and resolution were offered
by KATHALEEN OSTRANDER, and supported
by ROBERT PICKFORD

AYES C. GRANT ELMQUIST C. REEDMAN R. PICKFORD
P. BARTHOLOMEW & K. OSTRANDER

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WHEREAS, On November 15, 2020, MDHHS issued an order enacting protection to slow the high and rapidly increasing rate of spread of COVID-19. Cases, hospitalizations, and deaths remained high through early December, threatening hospital and public health capacity. On December 7, 2020, December 18, 2020, and January 13, 2021, MDHHS issued orders sustaining those protections. These orders played a crucial role in slowing the spread in Michigan and have brought new cases down to about 1,500 per day. These lower rates prevented Michigan's healthcare system from being overwhelmed with a holiday surge.

While metrics have decreased from all-time highs, further progress has tapered off and there is growing concern of another spike with the presence of more infectious variants in Michigan and the United States as a whole. Even where COVID-19 does not result in death, and where Michigan's emergency and hospital systems are not heavily burdened, the disease can cause great harm. Recent estimates suggest that one in ten persons who suffer from COVID-19 will experience long-term symptoms, referred to as "long COVID." These symptoms, including fatigue, shortness of breath, joint pain, depression, and headache, can be disabling. They can last for months, and in some cases, arise unexpectedly in patients with few or no symptoms of COVID-19 at the time of diagnosis. COVID-19 has also been shown to damage the heart and kidneys. Furthermore, minority groups in Michigan have experienced a higher proportion of "long COVID." The best way to prevent these complications is to prevent transmission of COVID-19. Most recently the "Delta" variant of the Covid 19 virus has been seen to cause breakthrough infections in vaccinated patients. This variant is roughly 50 to 70 percent more infectious than the more common strain. It is anticipated that the variant, if it becomes widespread in the state, will significantly increase the rate of new cases. At present, however, case numbers are surging in the local area with both the rate of infection and incidents of the disease rising daily, and:

WHEREAS, the Director of the MDHHS has concluded that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute a health risk in Michigan and that control of the epidemic requires restrictions on public gatherings, and;

WHEREAS, Employee and employee families have experienced multiple infections and sickness due to the novel corona virus, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to conduct the public business of the city and to provide opportunity for the greatest numbers of public participation in a manner so as not to place at risk members of the public, City staff, or members serving on public bodies of the city, and;

WHEREAS, the city has appointed its mayor to be the City Emergency Manager until December 31, 2021, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, THAT pursuant to the authority contained at § 3 of the Home Rule Cities Act, MCL 117.3 (j) authorizing cities to provide for the public health and safety of persons; §3 of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.263 (2) permitting a public body to meet by electronic or telephonic means upon declaration of a local state of emergency or state of disaster if meeting in person would place at risk the personal health or safety of members of the public or members of the public body; and §10 (b) of the Emergency Management Act permitting the Mayor to declare a local state of emergency; I, Brad Seger, Mayor and Emergency Manager of the City of Lake City based on the findings made by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services regarding the public health threat posed by the COVID-19 novel coronavirus and its variant strains declare a local state of emergency to permit the City Council and all other public bodies of the City to continue to meet by electronic and telephonic means after October 1, 2021 and respectfully request the City Commission affirm this action through December 31, 2021

Resolution passed and entered into the minutes,

CLERK Judy Houle
DATE 10-18-2021

MAYOR Brad A. Seger
DATE 10-18-2021