

## RESOLUTION NO 2020-5

### A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT A LOCAL EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE VILLAGE OF JACKSONVILLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Jacksonville, Ohio has been or is immediately threatened by the COVID-19 Virus, also known as the Coronavirus, a biological hazard and/or pandemic as determined by the World Health Organization, the U.S. Center for Disease Control, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Athens County Board of Health;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village of Jacksonville, Athens County, State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1:** That a State of Emergency exists in the Village of Jacksonville, Ohio, and we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect for the Village of Jacksonville for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for the protection of lives and property for the people of the Village of Jacksonville, Ohio and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption.

Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances, resolutions and particularly to Section 5502, and other relevant sections, of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio.

All public offices and employees of the Village of Jacksonville, Ohio are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of laws, regulations, and Federal, State and local directives.

All Village offices and employees situated within the Village of Jacksonville are hereby requested by the Village of Jacksonville, Ohio to assist any and all of the Village of Jacksonville public offices and employees in the discharge of their duties in response to the emergency.

All citizens of the Village of Jacksonville, Ohio are hereby called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officials.

All operating forces are requested to direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations to the Athens County Emergency Management Agency and/or the Emergency Operations Center.

**SECTION 2:** This Council finds and determines that the COVID-19 pandemic constitutes an emergency in the Village of Jacksonville, Ohio, and that additional efforts to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the public are required. In making the determinations and findings in the Resolution, it is Council's intention to exercise and avail itself, on behalf of the Village of Jacksonville, Ohio, of the fullest extent of its power and authority under Article XVIII, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution as well as the laws of the State of Ohio and the Ordinances of the Village of Jacksonville, Ohio.

**SECTION 3:** This Council finds and determines that the efforts needed to prepare for, respond to and mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have and will place extraordinary requirements upon the Village in its mission to deliver services to residents and advance the public health, safety and welfare.

**SECTION 4:** This Council finds and determines that the Village's ability to effectively respond to and manage the COVID-19 pandemic locally will require disruptions to normal meeting schedules and may impact staffing levels, work schedules, and performance of non-essential functions; that ensuring the Village's ability to discharge its essential functions is of critical importance; and that the use of technology and digital communications including virtual and telephonic meetings, remote meeting and work technologies and other advanced communications technologies, including streaming technologies, is encouraged at this time, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

**SECTION 5:** This Council finds and determines that:

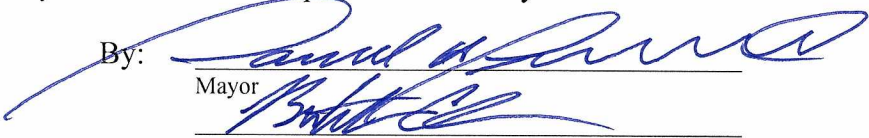

- A. The regular schedule of Council meetings under the Village of Jacksonville, Ohio Ordinances is hereby suspended until Council determines that the local emergency declared herein has abated;
- B. Council may, during the period of emergency, hold regular or special meetings with 24 hours' notice when practicable, or emergency meetings pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code; that it may hold such meetings via teleconference or other means of remote communications pursuant to a memorandum from the Attorney General of Ohio; that the Rules of Council adopted by Council as Ordinance 2017-04 may be temporarily suspended and dispensed with at any such meeting; and that during such meetings during this time, public comment period may not be provided, although comments submitted in a signed writing or an email identifying the writer will be noted, may be read, and will be included in the journal of proceedings.

**SECTION 6:** This Council finds and determines that in order to meet the challenges and objectives described herein, it will be necessary to provide for the maximum regulatory and operational flexibility permitted by Ohio law and Village of Jacksonville Ordinances, and that it is necessary to empower and authorize the Mayor to identify the best means and methods to

ensure the Village's ability to discharge its duties, in consultation with the Department Directors and other key staff and outside consultants, and to take all appropriate actions to discharge such duties within the foregoing parameters, and the Mayor is hereby so authorized. The flexibility and authority provided under this Resolution shall continue until Council determines that the current state of emergency has sufficiently abated and that such additional measures are no longer necessary.

**SECTION 7:** For the reasons stated above, this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Jacksonville, Ohio. Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative votes of four (4) or more members of Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval of the Mayor or at the earliest period allowed by law.

Date Passed: 04/04/2020

By:   
Mayor  
  
Council President

**ATTESTATION**

I, Heather Rockwell, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Jacksonville, Athens County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Jacksonville, and appears in the Village records as Resolution 2020-5.

  
Village Clerk/Fiscal Officer


4/4/20  
Date

**CERTIFICATION OF CLERK/FISCAL OFFICER**

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Resolution No. 2020-5.

Publication of this Resolution was made by posting a copy of the same in the following five (5) locations within the Village, beginning on 4/4/20, and concluding on 4/19/20 (at least 15 days later):

- Post Office
- Eagles Club
- VFW
- Town Hall
- Corner Pizza

**ATTEST:**  
 4/4/20  
Village Clerk/Fiscal Officer Date