

Emergency Proclamation

COVID-19

April 1, 2020 and will run until further notice.

Whereas, COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the public health and safety of the City of Lamont, Iowa, as outlined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC); and

Whereas, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has now determined that community spread of COVID-19 has occurred in the State of Iowa; and

Whereas, the CDC has recommended that persons do not congregate in gatherings of over ten (10) persons to attempt to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the general public; and

Whereas, the Hon. Governor Kim Reynolds has recommended that all school districts within the State of Iowa close for four (4) weeks to help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 within the State; and

Whereas, the Hon. Governor Kim Reynolds ordered the closure of restaurants (excluding drive up and take-out services), bars, gyms, theaters; and

Whereas, the Superintendent of the Starmont Community School District has heretofore closed Starmont Community Schools for an indefinite period, expected to be at least four (4) weeks from March 16, 2020; and

Whereas, Section 372.14(2) of the Code of Iowa (2019) grants the Mayor powers to declare an emergency and govern through proclamation to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Lamont.

Now, Therefore, I, Joseph R. Rawson, the duly elected Mayor of the City of Lamont, Iowa do hereby proclaim the following:

1. That a state of emergency or public danger exists within the City of Lamont because of the threat of the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
2. That pursuant to CDC recommendations, gatherings of ten (10) or more people are strongly discouraged until further notice.
3. That based upon the advice of the CDC and other public health agencies, the Community Center will be closed to the public until further notice and all scheduled events through the end of April have been canceled.
4. Beginning on March 23, all city buildings will be closed to public access until further notice. This includes City Hall, the Fire Station, Public Works Department, etc. City staff will continue to work regular hours. Residents may do business with the city via telephone by calling 563-924-2194, via email by using cityoflamont@windstream.net, or by utilizing the payment options on our website and the drop box located outside of city hall.
5. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, we recognize that some of our customers are in a position where they are unable to work. As a result, the City of Lamont is discontinuing delinquent water service shut-offs for the next 30 days, due to non-payment, to ensure citizens can practice recommended personal hygiene measures to prevent the spread of the virus. Delinquent notices will still be processed as normal but will be for informational purposes only during the 30-day grace period.
6. City council meetings will be discontinued for public attendance until further notice. There will be a conference line set up for the public that wishes to attend the council meeting may do so. A resolution for this action will be forthcoming at the April 8, 2020 regularly scheduled council meeting.
7. Starting March 24, 2020, the library will be closed to walk-in traffic. Library Staff will, however, provide curbside service. Citizens can call in material requests to 563-924-3202, e-mail to ahappel@lamont.lib.ia.us. Library Staff will let the citizen know when their "order" is ready, and they can pick it up out front. Returned materials will be wiped down and allowed to sit for 7 days before re-entering circulation. The library catalog is available at lamont.bliblionix.com. As we try to continue to provide the materials citizens need, please don't hesitate to ask for Library Staff's assistance.
8. All City Parks are closed until further notice. Please call City Hall before partaking in any activities to make sure the services are open for public use.
9. That this Emergency Proclamation may be modified and/or superseded by future proclamation of the Office of the Mayor of Lamont as future events warrant.
10. That any violation of any proclamation of the Office of the Mayor of the City of Lamont, Iowa, shall be enforceable by the Buchanan County Sheriff Department and any violation of the same shall be a violation of Section 372.14(2) of the Code of Iowa (2019) and punishable as a simple misdemeanor.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2020

By: Joseph R. Rawson, Mayor

Attest: Paula J. Harvey, City Clerk