

# PROCLAMATION

## EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION 2020 - 1

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the public health and safety of the City of Jefferson, Iowa, as outlined by the Centers 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 President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, and the CDC, has recommended that people should 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 a period of four (4) weeks to help to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greene County Board of Supervisors has restricted public access to all county offices due to the COVID-19 virus, with all county offices open by appointment only; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greene County Community School District has heretofore closed for at least four (4) weeks until April 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 15.02(2) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jefferson and Section 372.14(2) of the Code of Iowa (2019) grant the Mayor powers to declare an emergency and govern through proclamation to protect the health and safety of the citizens and employees of Jefferson.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matt Gordon, the duly elected Mayor of the City of Jefferson, Iowa, do hereby proclaim until further notice the following:**

- 1. That a state of emergency or public danger exists within the City of Jefferson because of the threat of the spread of the COVID-19 virus.***
- 2. I hereby declare that all City-owned public facilities shall be closed to the public until Further notice. Official meetings of the Jefferson City Council and City Boards and Commissions shall be available through electronic meeting services. Agendas shall be viewable on the city website at <https://cityofjeffersoniowa.org>***
- 3. The Budget Hearing and Adopting Meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2020. There will be a way for anyone to object during the public hearing time scheduled or written objections can be made ahead of time by contacting the City Clerk's office.***
- 4. All recreation programming shall be suspended until further notice. All members of the public are asked to avoid playground areas as they are closed until further notice, but trails and green spaces shall remain open.***
- 5. Gatherings of ten (10) or more people are strongly discouraged until further notice.***
- 6. That this Proclamation of Emergency may be modified and/or suspended by future proclamation of the Office of the Mayor of Jefferson, Iowa as future events warrant.***
- 7. That this proclamation of the Office of the Mayor of the City of Jefferson, Iowa, shall be enforceable by the Jefferson Police Department and any violation of the same shall be a violation of Section of the Code of Ordinances and punishable as a simple misdemeanor.***

*8. That Governor Kim Reynolds' proclamation dated March 17, 2020, shall be enforceable by the Jefferson Police Department, in its entirety.*

*9. More information will be shared with the public as it becomes available.*

*10. This Proclamation of emergency and public danger is part of an ongoing response of the City of Jefferson to protect public health and safety and may be modified or superseded with more restrictive proclamations at any time as circumstances warrant.*

PROCLAIMED THIS 3RD DAY OF APRIL, 2020 BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE  
CODE OF IOWA AND THE CITY OF JEFFERSON CODE:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Gordon", is written over a horizontal line.

Matt Gordon , Mayor

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Matt Gordon  
Mayor-City of Jefferson