

## RESOLUTION 2020-21

STATE OF WISCONSIN: CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN: CRAWFORD COUNTY

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### RESOLUTION RELATED TO COVID-19 PREVENTION AND CONTROL AT CITY PARKS, OUTDOOR PROPERTY, AND OUTDOOR FACILITIES AND DURING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES OR RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

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**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus was detected, now named COVID-19, and it has spread throughout the world. COVID-19 was declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020 and was ultimately declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, in Wisconsin, Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency on March 12, 2020 and directed all agencies to support efforts to respond to and contain COVID-19 in Wisconsin. At a national level, President Donald Trump proclaimed a National Emergency concerning COVID-19 on March 13, 2020. At a local level, the Prairie du Chien Common Council declared a state of emergency in the City of Prairie du Chien on March 17, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, as of Thursday, May 28, 2020, 5,904,673 people around the world have tested positive for COVID-19, including 1,698,523 in the United States, 16,974 in Wisconsin, and 26 in Crawford County; and

**WHEREAS**, as a novel disease with uncertain immunity and no vaccination currently available, all of the population is at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, we are guided by the federal guidelines for “Opening Up America Again” and the “Wisconsin Badger Bounce Back” plan that both provide guidance and metrics that are designed to slowly and cautiously reopen businesses and activities in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, we are further guided by guidelines provided by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (“DHS”), the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, and the Crawford County Public Health Department, which provide guidelines and best

practices to protect against exposure to COVID-19 by protecting employees, educating consumers, and keeping public spaces and businesses safe and sanitary; and

**WHEREAS**, we know that physical contact and close proximity to other individuals may cause the spread of COVID-19, thereby endangering the public and placing undue strain on the healthcare system; and

**WHEREAS**, “physical distancing,” meaning that a distance of six (6) feet is maintained between all individuals, is a public health tool that may be used to limit the spread of disease and it is essential to use all available tools as is reasonable and necessary to stop the transmission of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin state law provides broad authority and power for local governments to provide for health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, DHS provides communicable disease prevention and control and physical distancing guidelines informed by Wisconsin public health experts and consistent with recommendations by the President and the CDC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien, under its authority in Chapter 323 of the Wisconsin State Statutes and in the Prairie du Chien Municipal Code, hereby issues this Order to continue controlling COVID-19 disease transmission throughout the City of Prairie du Chien. This Order outlines the measures now required in the City of Prairie du Chien, specifically related to individuals making use of City owned or operated parks, outdoor property, or outdoor facilities or individuals participating in outdoor recreational activities or recreational programs on or in City parks, outdoor property, or outdoor facilities. Such individuals (“patrons”) shall comply with the following.

**1. USE REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:**

- a. Patrons shall maintain physical distancing of six (6) feet between people not residing in a single living unit or household.
- b. Patrons shall wash hand with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible, or use hand sanitizer.
- c. Patrons shall cover coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands) and shall avoid shaking hands with others.

- d. Park, outdoor property, or outdoor facility capacity shall be and hereby is reduced to 50% its normal patron capacity to attempt to ensure adequate physical distancing at all times.
  - e. If patrons will not be able to maintain proper physical distancing of six feet, it is recommended they wear a mask or cloth face covering. (Note: The use of masks or cloth face coverings is strongly recommended but shall not be required due to equity concerns regarding the challenges that either may cause for individuals because of disabilities and/or shortages of Personal Protective Equipment (“PPE”).)
  - f. Patrons using City parks, outdoor property, or outdoor facilities that are not part of a City-run activity or program shall sanitize equipment, picnic tables, and other high-touch surfaces both before and after each use.
  - g. Patrons shall not congregate in parking lots, at trailheads, at boat launches, at overlooks, etc. Patrons shall wait for others to leave before entering a crowded area.
  - h. Patrons shall remove all of their belongings and trash/garbage following their use of a City park, outdoor property, or outdoor facility.
  - i. If any patron is sick, then stay home.
2. **PROPOSED PROGRAMS:** If a patron is proposing to conduct a programmed event or function at a City park, outdoor property, or outdoor facility, the hosting patron shall provide to City Hall specific written details regarding the measures and action that will be implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19. If the proposed event may draw more than 100 participants, the proposal shall be reviewed by the City of Prairie du Chien Common Council. If the proposed measures are not sufficient, at the sole discretion of the Common Council, the proposed event or function will be prohibited. If the proposed event will draw fewer than 100 participants, the proposal shall be reviewed by the City Administrator. If the proposed measures are not sufficient, at the sole discretion of the City Administrator,

the proposed event or function will be prohibited. Regardless of the number of participants, the proposal may not be approved if any of the measures or actions contained in the proposal are less stringent than those contained in this Order.

3. **NO PUBLIC AMENITIES:** At this time, water fountains and public bathrooms at all City locations are closed. Patrons should plan accordingly.
4. **CITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES:** The City may impose restrictions for specific City facilities, City property, or services based upon the needs of a particular facility, property, or service for protection of public health and that of visitors and City employees. Such restrictions shall be posted prominently at the specific facility, property, or location of the service to advise the public of the restrictions.
5. **LOCAL ORDERS:** This Order does not preclude a local health officer from addressing localized outbreaks with a localized order. Such order may include instituting tailored restrictions base on the needs of a particular location. If there is a conflict between this Order and an order from a local health officer, the more restrictive order shall control. Further, nothing in this Order prevents DHS and local health officials from issuing and enforcing isolation and quarantine orders pursuant to Wis. Stats. Ch. 252 and local ordinances.
6. **SEVERABILITY:** If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.
7. **DURATION:** This Order shall become effective immediately. This Order shall remain in effect until 12:01 a.m. on July 7, 2021. Any superseding or subsequent order shall be based upon public health best practices and a review of all available data.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2020.

**CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN**

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Dave Hemmer, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Chad Abram, City Administrator