



## PRESS RELEASE

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Re: **Declaration of Local State of Emergency**

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President Sweet McDonnell of the Village of North Barrington has signed a Declaration of Local State of Emergency as of Thursday, March 19, 2020. The Village is taking this proactive step in order ensure the community is well positioned to provide emergency services to our community, if and when they are needed, in response to the spread of the Coronavirus ("COVID-19"). The action also places the Village in a better position to obtain state and federal funding related to the pandemic.

In order to further protect the health and safety of our residents and employees from the spread of COVID-19, the North Barrington Village Hall is now closed to the public. The Village encourages residents to conduct business by phone, mail or email when possible. In addition, residents can utilize the "Resident Dropoff" which is located outside the entry doors of Village Hall. Village staff remains onsite with the ability to provide services remotely. All non-essential inspections will be postponed.

Residents are encouraged to visit the Village's website, [northbarrington.org](http://northbarrington.org) and social media for the most current COVID-19 information and Village updates. On the website, they can also register their email address to receive electronic communications from the Village.

**Village of North Barrington**  
**Declaration of Local State of Emergency**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared that a national emergency arising from the widespread threat of serious illness and death due to the Coronavirus and COVID-19 was in effect immediately, and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois declared that a statewide emergency was in effect relating to the same issues, and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, the Chairman of the Lake County Board similarly declared that a county-wide emergency was in effect, again relating to the same issues, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of North Barrington needs access to the full emergency powers established by law, including emergency funding for first responders and containment measures, but including all other powers and funding allowed by applicable law,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate for the Village of North Barrington to immediately take measures to protect the public's health in public spaces in response to COVID-19;

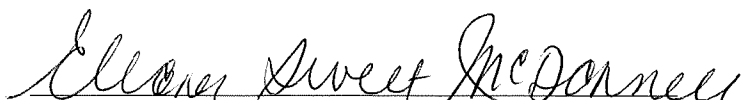
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Eleanor Sweet McDonnell, President of the Village of North Barrington Illinois do hereby proclaim and declare that a state of Village-wide emergency and disaster (hereinafter "Local State of Emergency" exists effective immediately, March 19, 2020, and that I will introduce a formal resolution to the Village Board for approval at the meeting currently scheduled for April 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm, seeking ratification of this declaration as provided for in 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 20 ILCS 3305/11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, and Sections of the Village of North Barrington Village Code and all other applicable statutes and laws.

**I FURTHER DECLARE** that all persons should cooperate fully with all local, county, state and federal officials with jurisdiction over emergency management and public health in assisting the containment and mitigation of the effects of this virus and the disease it causes.

During the pendency of the Local State of Emergency, I shall execute such authority as Village President as provided under the authority described above. This Declaration of Local State of Emergency shall be filed with the Village Clerk as soon as practicable.

I, Eleanor Sweet McDonnell, the Village President of the Village of North Barrington, being first duly sworn, have signed and executed this instrument as the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency and Disaster.

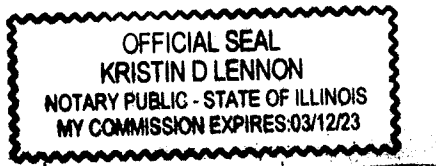
Effective immediately, this 19th day of March, 2020.

  
Eleanor Sweet McDonnell, Village President

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I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County in the State aforesaid, hereby certify that Eleanor Sweet McDonnell, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed and delivered said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes herein set forth.

Given under my hand and official seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



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Kristin D Lennon

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: March 12, 2023

Kristin D. Lennon

Print Name