

## EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04

I, Melvin Carter III, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, on 9 of April, 2020, pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code Section 13.06, do hereby issue the following Executive Order:

On March 13, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-10 Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota's Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19" pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.31, Subd. 2.

On March 15, 2020, Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter issued an Emergency Declaration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic" pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.29 and Leg. Code § 13.06(a) to which the City Council consented to on March 17, 2020.

The Emergency Declaration at Paragraph 2 directs City departments to review ordinance and regulatory requirements that can and should be adjusted or suspended, or to enact emergency regulations to support the residents of the City during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Zoning and Planning Administrators, through their respective Directors for the departments of safety and inspection and planning and economic development, in response to the Emergency Declaration, have advised that they have identified certain requirements in the City's zoning ordinances which could unnecessarily encumber the ability to swiftly approve and locate medical facilities needed on an emergency basis to contend with the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Leg. Code Chapter 13.06(b) provides, "whenever necessary to meet an emergency ... for which adequate regulations have not been adopted ... , the mayor may by executive order promulgate regulations ... respecting ... the use of property during emergencies; the repair, maintenance and safeguarding of essential public services; emergency health, fire and safety regulations; and all other matters which are required to protect public safety, health and welfare in emergencies."

The City's department of emergency services, in conjunction with Ramsey County, the Minnesota Department of Health and agencies of the United States Government, have compiled a list of potential facility sites to house "Alternative Care Sites" which may become necessary to open and operate on a temporary basis in anticipation that all other healthcare resources are, or will be rapidly exhausted contending with the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Melvin Carter, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby issue the following Emergency Executive Order:

1. All sections or regulations contained in the City's zoning code that permit or regulate medical facilities such as clinics, hospitals, and medical laboratories, as to their permitted location and operations, are hereby suspended effectively immediately as of the date and time of execution of this Emergency Executive Order, the effect of which shall continue until as provided herein.

2. Alternative Care Sites (“ACS”) shall be treated as a use similar to a medical facility and are therefore subject to this Emergency Executive Order so that they can be rapidly and effectively established to reduce the morbidity, mortality, and the social impact on the City from the COVID-19 Pandemic, provided; that the location, occupancy, and operation of any ACS facility shall be subject to the prior written approval from the Zoning Administrator, the Building Official, and the Director of the department of emergency management and that these approvals may each contain reasonable conditions in keeping with the protection of the health, welfare, and safety of the public.

Pursuant to Chapter 13 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, this Executive Order is in immediate effect upon my signature and, if not sooner rescinded, shall expire at the end of forty (40) days after its effective date or at the end of the declared local emergency to which it relates, whichever occurs first.

Signed: April 9, 2020



Mayor Melvin Carter III