

CITY OF RACINE MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

April 6, 2020

APRIL 7, 2020, ELECTION

Whereas, on March 18, 2020, I proclaimed a public health emergency to exist in the City of Racine as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

Whereas, COVID-19 continues to spread the southeastern Wisconsin region, necessitating updated and more stringent guidance from federal, state, and local public health officials; and

Whereas, protecting the health and safety of City of Racine residents and employees is of paramount importance; and

Whereas, a vital mission of the City of Racine is to provide essential services to the residents in the City of Racine, including the orderly conduct of the Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary on April 7, 2020; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Elections Commission has declared there to be need for a sense of urgency in ensuring each of Wisconsin's voters has access to exercise their right to vote without jeopardizing their health in the April 7, 2020, Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary; and

Whereas, to the greatest degree possible, and consistent with the requirements of the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Wisconsin and all relevant provisions of Wisconsin statutes and administrative code provisions, it is vital that the City of Racine City Clerk provide a full opportunity for all persons eligible to vote in the City of Racine who desire to vote in the April 7, 2020, Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary to cast their vote.

Now therefore, in accordance with the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Racine by Wisconsin Statutes sections 62.09(8)(a), 323.11, and 323.14(4), and by Racine Ordinance section 34-1, with the concurrence of the City of Racine Public Health Administrator pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 252.03, I do declare, proclaim, and order as follows:

Per Title II (Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services) of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended by the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, an individual may be disabled if s/he has "[a] physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual." 28 C.F.R. §35.108(a)(1)(i). For the limited purpose of voting under Wis. Stats. Ch. 6 in Wisconsin's Spring 2020 Election, the City of Racine regards an eligible elector to be an individual with a disability if s/he is experiencing significant anxiety about contracting COVID-19 upon exiting his/her vehicle to cast a ballot in the April 7, 2020, election.


In order to accommodate such individuals, the City will allow them to vote in accordance with the procedures for assisting electors set forth in Wis. Stat. § 6.82. When any inspector or inspectors are informed that an eligible elector is at the entrance to the polling place who desires to cast a ballot April

7, 2020, election, while remaining in their vehicle, an accommodation will be made and such elector will be permitted to cast a ballot while remaining in their vehicle.

The City of Racine City Clerk is authorized and directed to undertake any necessary actions to carry this order into effect.

Dated at Racine, Wisconsin, this 6th day of April, 2020.


Cory Mason
Mayor


Dottie-Kay Bowersox
Public Health Administrator