



**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**



Meeting Date	03/25/2020	Department	City Council
Agenda Item	4.1 Ratify City of Gardiner's Mayor Declaration of Emergency		
Est. Cost	n/a		

Background Information	<p>Due to the recent break-out of COVID-19 the Mayor of Gardiner proclaimed a state of emergency with the City of Gardiner. (The proclamation is attached.)</p> <p>This proclamation will allow the activation of emergency plans for the city and allow any deployment and use of forces or resources that apply.</p> <p>This proclamation will also allow the Police Chief and his department to direct and compel the population from any threatened area if action is necessary for the preservation of life, response, or recovery.</p> <p>The City Council granted the Mayor this authority on March 16, 2020.</p>
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Requested Action	'I move to ratify the Mayor's Declaration of Emergency that was implemented on March 19, 2020.'
City Manager and/or Finance Review	The City Manager recommends the above action.
Council Vote/ Action Taken	
Departmental Follow-Up	

City Clerk Use Only	1 st Reading _____	Advertised _____	EFFECTIVE DATE _____
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PROCLAMATION OF MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF GARDINER

Pursuant to Title 37-B, Chapter 13 § 781-A of Maine Emergency Management Agency that allows the City of Gardiner the authority to declare a state of emergency within Gardiner, the City of Gardiner's Mayor finds and orders as follows:

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 the Governor of the State of Maine declared a Civil State of Emergency related to the spread of novel coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is easily spread from person to person through close contact, and cases of the disease are increasing in the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the Center for Disease Control ("CDC"), have urged the public to practice social distancing and not attend events where ten or more people will be gathered; and

WHEREAS, the risk of community spread of COVID-19 seriously impacts the life, health and safety of the public, and public health is imperiled by the person-to-person spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of a State of Emergency shall activate emergency plans for the City of Gardiner and authorizes any deployment and use of any forces or resources that apply; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gardiner has the ability to suspend the enforcement of any policy prescribing the procedures for conduct of business, if strict compliance with the provisions of the policies would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gardiner will utilize all available resources to cope with this Civil State of Emergency, including transferring the direction, personnel, or functions of city government and individual departments within the city, for purposes of performing or facilitating emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gardiner will authorize obtaining and acquisition of property, supplies, and materials pursuant to State Law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gardiner may enlist the aid of any person to voluntarily assist in the effort to control, put out, or end the emergency, or aid in the caring for the safety of persons and activate all locally controlled public warning systems that are necessary to warn the public; and

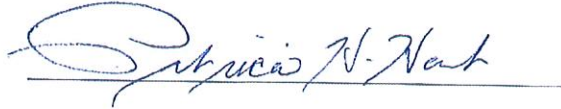
WHEREAS, the Police Chief and his department shall have the authority to direct and compel the population from any threatened area if it is determined that the action is necessary for the preservation of life, response, or recovery;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me through the statutes of the State of Maine, Title 37-B, Chapter 13, § 781-A, and City Council Approval granted on March 16, 2020,

I, Patricia Hart, Mayor for the City of Gardiner declare that the City of Gardiner is in a state of emergency.

This order shall remain in effect until revoked by further order of the Mayor of the City of Gardiner.

Dated: Thursday, March 19, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia N. Hart", written over a horizontal line.

Patricia Hart, Mayor of City of Gardiner