

**EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION CONCERNING GATHERINGS AND EVENTS IN
THE CITY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, the City of West Chicago (hereinafter referred to as the “City”) is a home rule body politic and corporate, organized and existing pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-1-1, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Governor of the State of Illinois has declared a State-wide emergency concerning this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued an Executive Order 2020-43, which prohibits gathering of more than fifty people unless otherwise exempted by the Executive Order and to the extent individuals are using shared spaces when outside their residence, including when outdoors, such individuals must, at all times and as much as reasonably possible, maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person whom with they do not live; and

WHEREAS, the DuPage County Board Chairman has also issued a Disaster Proclamation affecting all of DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/1 *et seq.* (the “Act”), on March 30, 2020, I declared a local disaster emergency in the City due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, under section 11 of the Act, the City Council of the City (hereinafter referred to as the “City Council”) consented to the continued declaration of a local disaster emergency and the declaration of a local disaster emergency remains in place; and

WHEREAS, due to Executive Order of the Governor of the State of Illinois and due to the significant continuing health threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, including the ever increasing number of COVID-19 cases and the increasing positivity rates in the City, I hereby find that it is in the best interests of the health and safety of citizens of the City to make the Executive Proclamations, as follows:

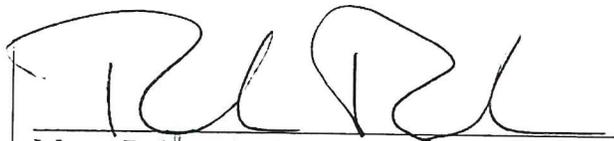
SECTION 1: The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2: Any and all festivals and events on City-owned land through December 31, 2020, are hereby canceled, notwithstanding prior approval of the City Council.

SECTION 3: Organizers of both indoor and outdoor events on private property are encouraged to take like action to that set forth in Section 2 of this Executive Proclamation; however, in any case, such organizers are bound by the requirements set forth in the Governor’s Executive Order 2020-43 including:

- A. The prohibition against gathering of more than fifty people, unless otherwise exempted by Executive Order 2020-43;
- B. To the extent individuals are using shared spaces when outside their residence, including when outdoors, such individuals must at all times and as much as reasonably possible maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person whom with they do not live;
- C. Any individual who is over age two and able to medically tolerate a face covering (a mask or cloth face covering) shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a face covering when in a public place and unable to maintain a six-foot social distance. This requirement applies whether in an indoor space, such as a store, or in a public outdoor space where maintaining a six-foot social distance is not always possible.

PROCLAIMED this 12th day of August, 2020.



Mayor Ruben Pineda