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**FRANK SEMAN
MAYOR
CITY OF RAVENNA, OHIO
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-01**

March 20, 2020

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF RAVENNA, OHIO

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is easily spread from person to person, and appears to have a disparate detrimental effect on the older population; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health announced confirmed cases of COVID-19, in the State of Ohio, creating a dangerous condition that may affect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on that same date, the Ohio Governor, Mike DeWine, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-01D, declared a state of emergency for the entire state to protect the well-being of its citizens from the dangerous effects of COVID-19, and to assist in protecting the lives, safety, and health of the citizens of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Portage County Commissioners declared a state of emergency within Portage County; and

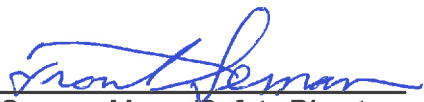
WHEREAS, on this 20th day of March, 2020, the life, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Ravenna, Ohio are in jeopardy due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank Seman, Mayor of the City of Ravenna, Ohio, by virtue of the authority vested in me by all appropriate laws, charter provisions, statutes, ordinances and resolutions, and particularly the Emergency Management Act contained in Section 5502 of the Ohio Revised Code, do hereby order and direct that:

1. A state of emergency is declared for the City of Ravenna, Ohio to protect the well-being of the residents of the City from the dangerous effects of COVID-19 and further authorizes all public offices and employees of the City of Ravenna to exercise, with the Mayor's approval, all emergency management efforts including those contained in section 5502 of the Ohio Revised Code.

2. Any purchasing and contracting requirements for all City Departments, as contained in the Ohio Revised Code, including Chapter 125 and 153, or Ravenna Codified Ordinances, are suspended, during this period of emergency, for any approved emergency management efforts, in order to procure any necessary resources or supplies, or to provide for the operations of any City Department, to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City.
3. The enforcement of any Ravenna Codified Ordinances, as deemed necessary by the Mayor or appropriate City Director, are suspended, so as to facilitate compliance with the current or future Orders or Directives of the Portage County Board of Health, the State of Ohio, including but not limited to the Director of the Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

I have signed this Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency on this 20th day of March, 2020, in the City of Ravenna, County of Portage, and State of Ohio. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until the emergency no longer exists, such time to be determined by the Mayor.


Frank Seman, Mayor/Safety Director
City of Ravenna

Attest:


Frank J. Cimino, Law Director
City of Ravenna