

**VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE**

**ORDINANCE 2020-16**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE CERTAIN EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND IN AID OF THE OHIO GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-01D AND ALL APPLICABLE ORDERS OF THE OHIO DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that was not previously identified in humans and can easily be spread from person to person; is spread between individuals who are in close proximity to each other (within about six feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and may possibly be contracted by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching the mouth, nose or eyes; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a State of Emergency regarding COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code §5502.28 authorizes the Governor to utilize the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of political subdivisions and requires the officers and personnel of political subdivisions to cooperate with and extend such services, equipment, supplies and facilities to execute and enforce any emergency management orders and rules; and

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to its Charter and its Home Rule Authority under Article XVIII, §3 of the Ohio Constitution, the Village of Buckeye Lake has authority to make rules for the general welfare, public safety and health of its residents.

**THEREFORE, FOLLOWING AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF AT LEAST TWO THIRDS (2/3) OF THE COUNCIL TO DISPENSE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF THE BUCKEYE LAKE VILLAGE CHARTER SECTION 4.04 TO READ AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS WITH AT LEAST ONE WEEK BETWEEN READINGS,**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:**

**Section I:** Declares a State of Emergency within the Village of Buckeye Lake and Authorize the Mayor to limit public access to facilities such as village municipal offices, public works operations, fire department, and police department.

**Section II:** Authorize the Mayor to postpone or cancel public meetings such as Village Council, Planning Commission, BZA, public forums and the like.

**Section III:** Authorize the alternative to postponement or cancellation, taking steps to livestream or otherwise broadcast public meetings.

**Section IV:** The Village of Buckeye Lake hereby will allow Paid Administrative Leave to be used for all regularly scheduled non-essential employees on an as needed basis for effective operation of village departments. All Employees will be notified of their work schedule and location. Employees on leave are to be in a On Call Status 24 hours a day. Any employee can be recalled from leave to cover assigned tasks. Those employees placed on paid administrative leave status during this pandemic will not accrue sick or vacation time.

**Section V:** The mayor and council's COVID-19 task force shall communicate the exact state of all emergency orders on a weekly basis. This update will occur no later than end of business on Fridays.

**Section VI:** Employees who are considered essential to operations of the village and have a regular schedule will be allotted 14 days for emergency sick leave if they are infected or required to quarantine due to exposure to virus. All information related to being infected or quarantine shall be documented in the employees medical file.

**Section VII:** Council hereby suspends the purchasing policy requiring council approval for any purchases of supplies or services related to pandemic response.

**Section VIII:** Council hereby suspends bid requirements for procurement of supplies and materials related to pandemic response.

**Section IX:** Authorize such other extraordinary measures, with notice to Council within 24 hours of such measure.

**Section X:** That in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Buckeye Lake this ordinance shall remain in effect until the COVID-19 public health emergency no longer exists, such time to be determined by the Ohio Director of Health and the Executive Director of the Emergency Management Agency in consultation with the Governor. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and it shall become effective on its passage and signature of the Mayor.

ADOPTED this 23<sup>RD</sup> day of March, 2020

Attest: Valerie L. Hans  
Valerie L. Hans, Council Clerk

John Geiger  
John Geiger, Council President

Date filed with Mayor: 3-23, 2020

Date Approved by Mayor: 3-23, 2020

Peggy A. Wells  
Mayor, Peggy A. Wells