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### **CITY OF SAGINAW ENFORCES RESTRICTIONS FOR TRAVEL ON LOCAL ROADS**

**April 9, 2020 SAGINAW, MI** – Out of an abundance of caution amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Saginaw has declared a state of emergency and travel restrictions for the city effective April 9, 2020.

According to the proclamation signed by Mayor Floyd Kloc, the Order is set to begin Thursday April 9, 2020 and shall remain in effect for 7 days, or until 6:00 a.m. April 16. The Order prohibits travel on County or local roads within the city between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Exceptions include essential travel for food, medicine, gas, banking and medical care. Also exempt are individuals directly involved in providing or obtaining critical services or performing minimum business operations as described in the Governor's executive order 2020-42.

Under the Order, citizens are asked to refrain from non-essential travel, comply with necessary emergency measures, cooperate with public officials and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

"If you have to be out for essential purposes like obtaining food or medical treatment, at least do so using social distancing and proper hygiene. If you don't have to be out, stay home. It's temporarily the law, and it is also the right thing to do," said Saginaw Mayor Floyd Kloc.

Citizens are reminded of Executive Order 2020-42 issued today by Governor Whitmer. This order extend the prior "Stay Home, Stay Safe order to April 30, 2020. The order issued by

Governor Whitmer includes civil penalties and fines for citizens if convicted of disobeying the state's stay-at-home order. The Saginaw Police Department will continue to enforce the Governor's order as well as monitor the travel of citizens to ensure the Emergency Order of the City is being enforced.

"Residents who disregard this order must realize the severity of their actions. They are putting others at risk. There must be consequences to such recklessness in order to protect our vulnerable populations and the public servants who risk their health for our safety," Mayor Kloc said.

At this time, all non-essential City services and buildings remain closed through April 30, 2020. The City will continue to monitor public health information regarding COVID-19 and will reassess and alter its response as needed. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the City of Saginaw website at [www.saginaw-mi.com](http://www.saginaw-mi.com) or follow the City of Saginaw on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cityofsaginawgovernment/](https://www.facebook.com/cityofsaginawgovernment/)

For the latest updates and information regarding the statewide response to COVID-19, please visit [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus).

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**CITY OF SAGINAW EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY  
AND RESTRICTING TRAVEL ON LOCAL ROADS**

**WHEREAS**, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. It is caused by a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and easily spread from person to person. There is currently no approved vaccine or antiviral treatment for this disease.

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, Governor Whitmer first declared a State of Emergency across the State of Michigan under Section 1 of Article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, as amended, MCL 30.401-.421, and the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act of 1945, 1945 PA 302, as amended, MCL 10.31-.33.

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, Governor Whitmer instituted Executive Order 2020-21, the “Stay Home Stay Safe” order, a temporary requirement to suspend activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life, prohibiting public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring among persons not part of a single household, and prohibiting “in-person” work that is not necessary to sustain or protect life, with exceptions for critical infrastructure workers and workers necessary to conduct minimum basic operations.

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, Saginaw County Board Chair Michael Webster declared a Local State of Emergency across the County of Saginaw under the Emergency Management Act, and on March 30, 2020, the Board of Commissioners voted to extend such declaration.

**WHEREAS**, as of April 8, 2020, the County of Saginaw has 186 positive tests of Covid-19 and 4 coronavirus related deaths.

**WHEREAS**, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to vulnerable City of Saginaw residents, pursuant to the Emergency Management Act, it is reasonable and necessary to restrict travel on local roads to bring the emergency situation under control.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FLOYD KLOC**, Mayor of the City of Saginaw, with the authority vested in me by the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, as amended, MCL 30.401-.421, do hereby declare a Local State of Emergency in the City of Saginaw, and issue the following order, both to become effective April 9, 2020:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. Pursuant to Section 10 of the Emergency Management Act, MCL 30.410(1)(b), travel on county or local roads within the boundaries of the City of Saginaw is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

2. Excepted from this restriction is travel to and from grocery stores, gas stations, banks, pharmacies, and doctors' offices, clinics, and hospitals; in addition, also excepted are those critical infrastructure workers and workers necessary for minimum basic operations as described in the Governor's Executive Order 2020-21.
3. This Order shall remain in effect for no longer than seven (7) days from the effective date above.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that as soon as possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the City Clerk, the Saginaw County Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and the Michigan Department of State Police, and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the City of Saginaw, its departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

April 9, 2020



By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Floyd Kloc, Mayor, City of Saginaw