

**City of Waukesha  
Office of the Mayor**

Emergency Order – Consolidation of Polling Places

March 27, 2020

Whereas the State of Wisconsin and the City of Waukesha have declared a state of emergency in response to the increasing coronavirus pandemic; and

Whereas the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has issued Emergency Order #12, Safer at Home Order, which generally orders all persons in the State of Wisconsin to remain at home, with certain stated exemptions; and

Whereas there are exemptions in Emergency Order #12 for Essential Government Functions, and for persons to travel to and from Essential Government Functions; and

Whereas Emergency Order #12 directs all Wisconsin government bodies to determine their Essential Government Functions; and

Whereas elections and voting are among the most basic and essential of government functions in the United States; and

Whereas due to the coronavirus pandemic, a large number of the City's usual polling-place volunteers are not showing up for duty, and have notified the City Clerk that they will not report for duty at the April 7 election, leaving the City Clerk unable to conduct the election in the usual manner at the usual number and location of polling places; and

Whereas the shortage of polling-place workers necessitates the consolidation of polling places into one location so the limited number of available volunteers are better able to manage the election; and

Whereas the Mayor has determined that it is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of the citizens of Waukesha that polling places be consolidated into one location for the April 7, 2020 election;

Now, therefore, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §323.14(4)(b) and Waukesha Municipal Code §5.06(2) **it is hereby ordered that** elections and voting are declared Essential Government Functions; that Waukesha Municipal Code §1.03 is suspended for the April 7, 2020 election; and that the polling place for all districts and wards in the City of Waukesha for the April 7, 2020 election shall be the Schuetze Recreation Center, 1120 Baxter Street, in the City of Waukesha.

This Order shall remain in effect until ratified, modified, or repealed by the Common Council at its next meeting, or unless superseded by an order of the State of Wisconsin or a court having jurisdiction.

  
Shawn Reilly (Mar 27, 2020)

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Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor  
March 27, 2020



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Gina L. Kozlik, City Clerk  
March 27, 2020



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