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Brandi Harless  
Mayor

**DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

March 16, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020 and continuing, a significant public health hazard involving an infectious disease known as Novel Coronavirus-19 has adversely impacted the City of Paducah in McCracken County, Kentucky; and

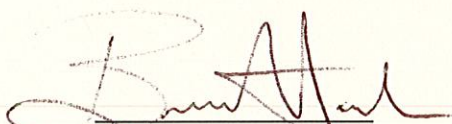
WHEREAS, this public health hazard has impacted the health, lifestyles, and income of residents, public property, organizations and agencies with emergency responsibilities, and disrupted large events, school schedules and impacted nearly all aspects of public transportation modes and supply chains for goods and materials including medical and food supplies within the City of Paducah; and

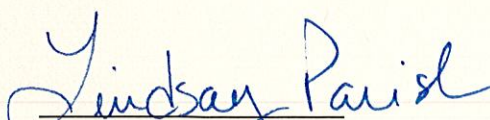
WHEREAS, this situation could create a considerable hardship for the citizens of Paducah; and

WHEREAS, local government has the responsibility to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and to mitigate the effects of such events,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brandi Harless, Mayor of Paducah by the authority vested in me by KRS 39A.100(2), do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the City of Paducah for the period of March 1, 2020 and continuing and hereby direct that:

1. The local Emergency Operations Plan shall be fully executed.
2. The Paducah-McCracken County Local Emergency Management Director shall direct the Paducah-McCracken County Office of Emergency Management to provide such assistance as can be delivered from available local resources and shall coordinate all agencies of local government to provide assistance to McCracken County.
3. All agencies of the City of Paducah shall cooperate to the fullest extent with the Paducah-McCracken County Office of Emergency Management and shall provide such assistance as may be required for response to this emergency.
4. Under this State of Emergency, as provided in KRS 39A.100 (2), the Mayor may waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by the law pertaining to:
  - a) performance of public work, b) entering into contracts, c) incoming obligations,
  - d) employment of permanent and temporary workers, e) utilization of volunteer workers,
  - f) rental of equipment, and g) appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

  
Mayor, City of Paducah

  
Lindsay Parish, City Clerk