Wednesday, March 18 Update:

Village President Diane McGinley offers a letter to residents regarding the Village’s response efforts to COVID-19.

**Village Board Declares Local State of Emergency**

At the March 17, 2020 Emergency Village Board Meeting, the Village Board voted to declare a local state of emergency in the Village of Glen Ellyn as the community responds to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The declaration and an ordinance establishing temporary executive powers for Village Officials provides emergency spending authority, authority to amend staffing schedules and structures, and the ability to enforce directives from the President of the United States and Governor of Illinois.

The ordinance gives Village leaders increased ability to deal with emerging issues, such as purchasing and contracting additional services, modifying Village services such as waiving electric and water cut offs or extending liquor license renewals. Taking these steps also allows the Village the ability to apply for federal and state reimbursement for certain expenditures related to the disaster, if money becomes available in the future.

The emergency powers will expire after seven days or until the next regularly scheduled Village Board meeting, unless extended by resolution of the Glen Ellyn Village Board.

Read the full declaration and ordinance within the March 17 Village Board agenda online [here](#).