

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: March 25, 2020

TO ALL VILLAGE OF PENTWATER CITIZENS AND PROPERTY OWNERS:

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 2020-21, Temporary Requirement To Suspend Activities That Are Not Necessary To Sustain Or Protect Life, issued by Governor Whitmer on March 23, 2020, the Village of Pentwater is suspending all short-term rental licenses or permits issued under Chapter 153 of the Village of Pentwater, Michigan, Code of Ordinances (“Pentwater Village Code”), effective as of the date of this notice. Further, no new short term rental licenses or permits will be issued while the Governor’s Executive Order remains in effect. Section 153.02 of the Pentwater Village Code provides that:

§ 153.02 License Required. No person shall permit, allow, or offer a dwelling unit to be used as a short term rental nor enter into a short term rental agreement concerning a dwelling unit within the Village of Pentwater without first obtaining a license from the Village pursuant to the requirements of this Ordinance.

A violation of Chapter 153 is a municipal civil infraction, and each day that a violation occurs constitutes a separate offense. Additionally, the Village may seek immediate injunctive relief against any person and/or property in violation of Chapter 153. In such an action, the Village is entitled to seek its costs and attorney fees, which shall become a lien against any property in violation of Chapter 153. Finally, a willful violation of the Governor’s Executive Order constitutes a misdemeanor offense pursuant to MCL 10.33 and MCL 30.405(3).

The health, safety, and welfare of its citizens is of paramount concern to the Village. A sudden influx of persons from outside of the Village dramatically increases the risk of infection of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) to Village citizens and residents. The Village urges all persons to abide by the Governor’s Executive Order to avoid putting others at unnecessary risk of infection.

All questions can be directed to the Village Manager, Christopher Brown - 231-869-8301
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