IN THE VILLAGE OF CENTERTOWN, MISSOURI

Bill No. 0020-004 Ordinance No. 197

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY AS IT PERTAINS TO ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF CENTERTOWN**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CENTERTOWN, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

**WHEREAS,** the existence and spread of the COVID-19 virus has resulted in the declaration of worldwide pandemic, and it is necessary and appropriate to take action to reduce the possibility exposure to COVID-19 and to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS,** on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared the outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States constitutes a national emergency and the Governor of the State of Missouri declared a state of emergency within the State of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS,** on March 17, 2020 the Cole County Commission issued an Emergency Government Proclamation and, the Cole County Health Director issued a Stay at Home Order; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 8, 2020, the Cole County Health Director extended the County Stay at Home Order to expire on April 25, 2020

Now, Therefore, the Village of Centertown will enact the following policies:

**Section 1:** Centertown Waterworks, for the safety of all residents and Waterworks employees, will estimate water bills for the month of April; and Centertown Waterworks will forgo the collection of penalties for payments due April 10,2020, May 10, 2020 and June 10, 2020; and Centertown Waterworks will forgo all disconnection of water service for non-payment until July 1, 2020, to ensure all resident have access to water to follow CDC guidelines of washing hands frequently; Centertown Waterworks will resume assessing penalties on July 11, 2020 for past due balances; and, if needed, Centertown Waterworks’ customers may request additional time to bring their account into a current status. The Board of Trustees will review on a case by case basis.

**Section 2:** The Village of Centertown will continue payment of salary to all employees that are directed to not perform their work duties and/or are unable to perform their current duties, due to concerns of being at high risk to the COVID-19 virus.

**Section 3:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and approval. This declaration of state of emergency will expire May 31, 2020 unless otherwise amended.

**FIRST READING HELD: April 14, 2020**

**SECOND READING HELD AND FINAL PASSAGE ON THIS 14th DAY OF April , 2020 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

Aye Nay

Adam Brown \_x\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Celine Whitaker \_x\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Heather Hunger absent \_\_\_\_\_

Sherry Kempf \_x\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Paula Hinshaw \_ x\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature on file\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Signature on file\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Village Clerk