

# Chapter 92

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## Summary

Effective May 17, 2020, during the peacetime emergency declared by the governor in an executive order that relates to the infectious disease known as COVID-19, towns, home rule charter and statutory cities, and counties are temporarily allowed to accept documents, signatures, or filings by United States mail, or to use the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325L, to accept documents, signatures, or filings electronically or by facsimile. This authority applies notwithstanding any law, rule, or ordinance to the contrary.

The filings that can be accepted include planning and zoning applications and permits; land use documents; documents requiring a signature under section 326.03 of statutes; applications for birth and death certificates; and recording a notary commission.

The law also states that there is no in-person requirement during the temporary authority.

The law expires January 6, 2021, or 60 days after the public health emergency ends, whichever occurs sooner.