



CITY OF FREDERICK, OKLAHOMA

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CITY OF FREDERICK, OK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared COVID-19 (Coronavirus) to be a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Oklahoma have declared an infectious disease national emergency declaration to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, to date, there have been as many as (30) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, health professionals and researchers have determined that COVID-19 is spread by human contact and interaction; and

WHEREAS, avoidance of human contact through methods such as social distancing is believed to stop the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, because the prospective spread of COVID-19 rapidly in Frederick requires immediate action as it constitutes a disaster affecting life, health and safety of residents and visitors to the City of Frederick; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-431 of the *Frederick City Code* allows the City to declare an emergency to exist. It is my duty as Mayor to protect the health and safety of the City and its inhabitants, to preserve the peace, and to provide civil defense and emergency functions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City of Frederick Mayor and City Council that:

SECTION ONE: For the reasons stated above, a state of emergency exists within the City of Frederick, OK;

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HACKBERRY FLAT

Wetland Restoration Project

SECTION TWO: This proclamation shall take effect immediately upon the signature of the Mayor and remain in effect until rescinded unless otherwise specified:

- a. **Emergency Purchases:** The City Manager or his designee(s) shall be authorized to make emergency purchases of goods and services and enter into contracts deemed necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to protect public and/or private property from further harm or damage. Emergency purchases of goods or services shall not be subject to competitive bidding or other purchasing requirements established by the *Frederick City Code*. Contracts pursuant to this section may be entered into by the City Manager and/or his designee(s) without the prior approval of the City Council.
- b. **Summary Abatements:** The City of Frederick, its agents, employees, contractors and assigns are hereby empowered to enter onto public and private property to summarily remove conditions that are deemed an imminent threat to the life, safety, health and welfare of the City, its residents, or the general public. The City of Frederick, its agents, employees, contractors and assigns shall suffer neither liability nor be responsible for any damages caused to private or public property during the abatement of existing and imminent threats to the safety, health and welfare of the City, its residents or the general public.
- c. **Marshaling of Resources:** The City Manager or his designee(s) shall have the power and authority to enforce all rules and regulations related to emergency management, and, if necessary take control of transportation, communication, stocks of fuel, food, clothing, medicine and public utilities for the protection of the civilian population.

SECTION THREE: The City of Frederick's Administrative offices, Police Department, Fire Department, Carnegie Library and other work places shall be closed from public access although they will remain open to conduct business via telephone, fax, email and/or the utility office drive through window. The Memorial Civic Center is closed until further notice.

SECTION FOUR: The City Manager and his designee(s) are hereby authorized to make necessary operational changes to protect employees and the public from exposure to the COVID-19 virus, including, but not limited to the following:

- a. Allowing designated employees to telecommute;

- b. Implementing best practices for handwashing, the cleaning of surfaces and social distancing for all departments;
- c. Administering a case by case procedure on employee leave;
- d. Ordering quarantine of employees as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) protocols dictate;
- e. Cancelling/rescheduling job-related training or conferences (not on line training);
- f. Discouraging off-duty employees from travel or attendance at crowded venues of all kinds and encouraging off-duty social distancing and sanitary precautions; and
- g. Encouraging all employees to follow all recommended protocols if exhibiting symptoms indicative of COVID-19, including dry cough, fever and shortness of breath and low oxygenation of the blood.

SECTION FIVE: Meetings of all City of Frederick boards, commissions and committees are hereby postponed and/or cancelled until the expiration of this emergency declaration. This includes the Frederick City Council and Frederick Public Works Authority unless sufficient cause arises to call Special/Emergency Meeting(s). Pursuant to SB 661 signed the Governor this morning, video conferencing of public meetings are now authorized under certain conditions and may be scheduled for the conducting of City business during this emergency.

SECTION SIX: The Frederick Municipal Court dockets are cancelled until May 1, 2020. Currently scheduled court business will be rescheduled.

SECTION SEVEN: In accordance with guidelines promulgated by the CDC, all in-person gatherings for social, spiritual and/or recreational purposes, including, but not limited to community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, sporting events, parades, concerts, festivals, conventions, fund raisers, and similar activities are limited to no more than ten (10) people are prohibited until the expiration of this emergency declaration.

SECTION EIGHT: Restaurants, bars and other privately owned gathering places are directed to transition to "take out" or "delivery" options as soon as practicable.

SECTION NINE: Local fitness and exercise facilities, churches and schools are directed to discontinue all group activities and significantly increase their facility cleaning regimens.

SECTION TEN: The City Manager is authorized to discontinue the

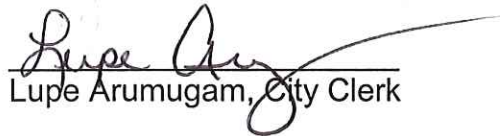
disconnection of utility services for non-payment and the collection of related late. Balances due will not be forgiven.

SECTION ELEVEN: That a request be submitted to the federal government to designate the Frederick Memorial Hospital as a Critical Access facility in order to utilize this facility for Frederick residents and other citizens during this national emergency.

SECTION TWELVE: All of the preceding will be regularly reviewed and is subject to amendment at any time as circumstances warrant.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR of the City of Frederick, Oklahoma this 18th day of March, 2020.


Eddie L. Whitworth, Mayor


Lupe Arumugam, City Clerk