

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Section 2-109 of the Code of the City of Norman, Oklahoma allows the Mayor of the City of Norman to proclaim a civil emergency when a natural disaster, which results in the death or injury of persons to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, exists; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, a respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) was first detected in China and has now been detected in more than 100 locations internationally, including the United States; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) had identified 3,487 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in 53 jurisdictions including 49 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and 68 deaths as a result of the COVID-19 virus in the United States; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, of the 3,487 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, less than 6 percent have been identified as being travel-related, meaning community transmission is responsible for much of the spread of COVID-19 in the United States; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared COVID-19 a national emergency and ordered each state to set up emergency operations centers and ordered hospitals to activate their emergency preparedness plans; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, I, Breea Clark, Mayor of City of Norman signed a proclamation on March 13, 2020 declaring an emergency and limiting organized gatherings to 250 or more people; and
- § 8. WHEREAS, although there has been just one confirmed case of COVID-19 in Norman to date, because of the potential for rapid community spread, additional restrictions are required to protect public health, reduce further damage, insure public safety and render emergency relief; and
- § 9. WHEREAS, I, Breea Clark, Mayor of the City of Norman, Oklahoma, do find that the aforementioned conditions constitute an ongoing threat to the safety and welfare of the city necessitating additional restrictions, and create a civil emergency situation within the meaning of Section 2-111 of the City Code, in addition to constituting an emergency under the Emergency Management Act of 2003 (63 Okla. Stat. §683.3); and



NOW, THEREFORE, I, BREEA CLARK, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, ACTING UNDER THE POWER VESTED IN ME UNDER SECTION 2-111 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORMAN:

- § 10. Do hereby declare an emergency for the City of Norman; and
- § 11. Do hereby prohibit, effective immediately, organized gatherings of 50 or more people, excepting political subdivisions over which the City has no control; and
- § 12. Do hereby, effective at 8:00 p.m. on March 18, 2020, enact the following:
 - a. Gyms, fitness facilities, entertainment venues, bars and lounges within the City limits shall be prohibited from operating or opening to patrons; and
 - b. Restaurant dining rooms shall be closed to the public, although pick-up and delivery options are encouraged.
- § 13. Further, this proclamation shall expire on April 3, 2020, unless otherwise extended by me.

APPROVED this 16th day of March, 2020.



Mayor Breea Clark

ATTEST:


City Clerk

