

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 13, 2020, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) had identified 1,629 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in 46 states and the District of Columbia, including Oklahoma, and 41 deaths as a result of the COVID-19 virus in the United States; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, of the 1,215 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, only ten 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, although there are no reported cases of COVID-19 in Norman at this time, because of the potential for rapid community spread, immediate attention is required to protect public health, reduce further damage, insure public safety and render emergency relief; and
- § 7. 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
- § 8. WHEREAS, I, Breea Clark, Mayor of the City of Norman, Oklahoma, do find that the aforementioned conditions constitute a threat to the safety and welfare of the city, and create a civil emergency situation within the meaning of Section 2-109 of the City Code, in addition to constituting an emergency under the Emergency Management Act of 2003 (63 Okla. Stat. §683.3).



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:

§ 9. Do hereby declare an emergency for the City of Norman; and

§ 10. During such period of emergency, organized gatherings of 250 or more people, excepting political subdivisions over which the City has no control, are hereby prohibited; and

§ 11. Further, this proclamation shall expire on April 3, 2020 unless otherwise extended by me.

APPROVED this 13th day of March, 2020.



Mayor Breea Clark

ATTEST:



City Clerk

