

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 22, 2020, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) had identified 15,219 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in 54 jurisdictions including 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and 201 deaths as a result of the COVID-19 virus in the United States; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, of the 15,219 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, just over 2 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 again on March 16, 2020 limiting organized gatherings to 50 or more, and closing bars, lounges, gyms and fitness facilities, entertainment venues, including private clubs, commercial amusement facilities, theaters and similar venues, and restaurant dining areas; and
- § 8. WHEREAS, although despite previous proclamations, the number of COVID-19 cases in Cleveland County has grown from one confirmed case of COVID-19 to thirteen confirmed cases of COVID-19 within a week, and 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 creating 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 ongoing emergency for the City of Norman; and


§ 11. Do hereby prohibit, effective immediately, organized gatherings of 10 or more people, excepting political subdivisions over which the City has no control; and


§ 12. Do hereby, effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 23, 2020, enact the following additional restrictions:

- a. Beauty parlors, barber shops, health clubs or spas, and nail salons within the City limits shall be prohibited from operating or opening to patrons; and
- b. To the extent possible, retail establishments, including but not limited to, grocery stores, pharmacies, warehouse stores, big box stores, gas stations, farmers' markets, or food pantries that provide or sell food products or household staples shall establish controls to require a minimum of 6 feet of distance between patrons in lines queuing in front of and inside stores. Such controls may include, but are not limited to, requiring each person to take a shopping cart or placing markers on the floor.

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

APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Mayor Breea Clark

ATTEST:  
  
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City Clerk

