

Proclamation 2020-05

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND IMPLEMENTING A STAY AT HOME ORDER AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS

- § 1. WHEREAS, Section 2-111 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, Section 2-111 of the Code of the City of Norman, Oklahoma empowers the Mayor to impose a number of restrictions or prohibitions in the interest of public safety and welfare, including, but not limited to imposition of curfews, limits of numbers of persons of assembling or gathering in public and private areas of the City, and such other activities as the Mayor reasonably believes should be prohibited to preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, a respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) was first detected in China and has now been detected in 190 locations internationally, including the United States; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and
- § 5. 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
- § 6. WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, previous proclamations were issued on March 13, 2020, limiting organized gatherings to less than 250 people, on March 16, 2020, restricting organized gatherings to less than 50 people, and closing bars, lounges, gyms and fitness facilities, entertainment venues, including private clubs, commercial amusement facilities, theaters and similar venues, as well as restaurant dining areas, on March 22, 2020, limiting organized gatherings to less than 10 people, and closing beauty parlors, barber shops, nail salons, and health clubs and spas, and encouraging retailers to implement social distancing in stores, and on March 24, 2020, issuing a stay at home order, and limiting activities and businesses to those deemed essential; and

WHEREAS, despite ongoing restrictions, the number of cases in Cleveland County, as reported by the Oklahoma Department of Health, have increased from 0 cases on March 13, 2020 to 60 cases on March 30, 2020, including six deaths; and



- § 9. WHEREAS, during the same period of time, the number of cases in Oklahoma, as reported by the Oklahoma Department of Health, have increased from 1 case to 481 cases, impacting people ranging in age from infancy to 95 years old, with the largest number of cases occurring in the 18 to 49-year-old age range; and
- § 10. WHEREAS, as of March 30, 2020, the CDC had identified 140,904 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 2,405 deaths as a result of the COVID-19 virus in the United States; and
- § 11. WHEREAS, of the 140,904 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, less than 1 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
- § 12. WHEREAS, due to the evidence across the country of rapid community spread placing residents in danger and threatening hospital resources, additional restrictions are required to protect public health, reduce further damage, insure public safety and render emergency relief; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 13. That, Proclamation 2020-04 dated March 24, 2020 and made effective on March 25, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. is hereby amended as follows: Outdoor activities qualifying as “essential activities” no longer includes golf courses, basketball courts, tennis courts, pickleball courts, disc golf courses, visits to dog parks, and other similar forms of outdoor activities. Any outdoor activity must comply with the Social Distancing requirements set forth in Section C(vii) of Proclamation 2020-04.

APPROVED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Mayor Breea Clark

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

