

## **EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION**

**AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) GLOBAL PANDEMIC, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS UNDER THE ENID MUNICIPAL CODE 2014, TITLE 5, CHAPTER 3, SECTIONS 5-3-1 THROUGH 5-3-10 AND 63 O.S. 683.11.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has declared an infectious disease national emergency declaration to combat COVID-19; 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**, the spread of COVID-19 is a disaster affecting life, health, and safety of Enid residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of Enid Municipal Code 2014, Title 5, Public Safety, Chapter 3, Emergency Management, Sections 5-3-1 through 5-3-10, and 63 O.S. §683.11 permit the City Manager, with the concurrence of the Mayor, to invoke emergency powers and declare a state of emergency exists within any area of the City of the Enid.

### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DETERMINED THAT:**

**Section I.** A state of emergency exists within the corporate limits of the City of Enid, Garfield County, Oklahoma. This proclamation will take effect immediately upon passage by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners.

**Section II.** This proclamation grants the full range of emergency powers to the City Manager to promulgate regulations and guidelines consistent with Enid Municipal Code, 2014, state and federal laws and regulations, and the CDC's infectious disease protocols to help minimize the transmission to Enid residents.

**Section III.** These protocols urge communities to cancel gatherings of 50 people or more whenever possible. Unnecessary meetings should be canceled or rescheduled after April 13, 2020.

**Section IV.** Enid City Municipal Court will continue to hold Court. However, hearings and court dates may be rescheduled and the Court will impose social distancing in the Courtroom to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Section V. The City will cancel meetings of its boards and commissions that are not mandatory during the state of emergency.

Section VI. The meetings of the City Council and its Trusts and other key boards and commissions will meet as necessary. Venue and times for these meetings may be modified consistent with CDC's protocols. Specific updates will be released as they are available.

Section VII. While all healthy city employees will continue to report to work during this state of emergency, the following City of Enid facilities shall be closed to the public and all public events scheduled at these locations shall be cancelled or postponed until after April 13, 2020 lifted:

The Public Library of Enid and Garfield County  
Champion Gym  
Service Center

Section VIII. The following City of Enid facilities will remain open for individual use, however all public or private gatherings, meetings, team practices and tournaments or events shall be canceled or postponed until after April 13, 2020:

Meadowlake Golf Course  
City Parks

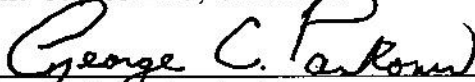
Section IX. The City will alert the public to safe alternatives that do not require person to person contact to seek city services. Specific updates will be released as they are available.

Section X. All public or private events that require city permits are revoked.

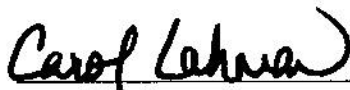
Section XI. This state of emergency shall continue until lifted. Additional proclamations and directives will be released as the City and its Emergency Management Forces adjust to the conditions in the field.

**PROMULGATED** by the City Manager in consultation with the Mayor of the City of Enid, Oklahoma, this 16th day of March, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

The City of Enid, Oklahoma

  
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George C. Pankonin, Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality:



Carol Lahman, City Attorney