

PROCLAMATION DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY

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, there have been seven confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the State of Oklahoma and one confirmed case in Payne County; 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 Stillwater residents and non-residents alike; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Chapter 14, Article II of the Stillwater City Code and state law permit the Mayor of the City of Stillwater to proclaim that a state of emergency exists within any area of the City:

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE STILLWATER CITY CODE AND STATE LAW, I, WILLIAM H. JOYCE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STILLWATER, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE:

SECTION ONE: A state of emergency exists within the corporate limits of the City of Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma.

SECTION TWO: This proclamation shall become effective 12:01 AM Monday, March 16, 2020.

SECTION THREE: The following City of Stillwater facilities shall be closed and all programming and/or events scheduled at said locations shall be postponed and/or cancelled until the expiration of this emergency declaration:

Stillwater Public Library
Stillwater Senior Center
Stillwater Community Center
Stillwater Parks and Recreation (facilities and events)
Stillwater Area Sports Association (leagues and events)

The following City of Stillwater facilities will remain open for individual access, however all public and private gatherings, meetings and events are hereby postponed and/or cancelled and no permits for gatherings, meetings and events at said locations shall be issued until the expiration of this emergency declaration:

Lakeside Golf Course
Lake McMurtry Park and all City of Stillwater Parks

SECTION FOUR: The City Manager shall revoke any pending permit and not issue any new permit for any public or private event on any City street, sidewalk, facility, park, or property until the expiration of this emergency declaration.

SECTION FIVE: Meetings of all City of Stillwater authorities, boards, commissions, committees, and trusts are hereby postponed and/or cancelled until the expiration of this emergency declaration. All Meetings of the Stillwater City Council, Stillwater Utilities Authority, and Stillwater Medical Center Authority are exempt from this cancellation requirement. These meetings will remain open to the public but steps will be taken to ensure no close contact between attendees. City Council and SUA meetings will continue to be televised.

SECTION SIX: All Stillwater Municipal Court dockets are cancelled. Cases scheduled for arraignment, hearing, and trial will be rescheduled. This includes all juvenile dockets. The Municipal Judge shall issue an order rescheduling cases and the Municipal Court Clerk shall issue written notification of new court dates.

SECTION SEVEN: All in-person gatherings for social, spiritual and recreational purposes, including, but not limited to community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events; parades, concerts, festivals, conventions, fundraisers and similar activities are strongly discouraged until the expiration of this emergency declaration.

SECTION EIGHT: Restaurants, bars and other privately owned gathering places are highly encouraged to limit the number of patrons such that at least six (6) feet of space is available to each patron. Such facilities are further encouraged to transition to "take-out" or "delivery" options.

SECTION NINE: Local gyms and exercise facilities are encouraged to discontinue all group activities and to significantly increase and enhance facility cleaning regiments.

SECTION TEN: This state of emergency shall continue until 12:01 AM April 5, 2020 or terminated earlier by further proclamation.

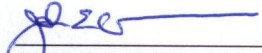
PROCLAIMED THIS 15th DAY OF March, 2020.




WILLIAM H. JOYCE, MAYOR


TERESA KADAVY, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY THIS 15th DAY OF March, 2020


JOHN E. DORMAN, CITY ATTORNEY