



A PROCLAMATION
DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN THE CITY OF KINGFISHER, OKLAHOMA

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

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America has declared an infectious disease National Emergency Declaration to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma has declared a State of Emergency for all 77 counties in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, health professionals and researchers have determined COVID-19 is spread by human contact and interaction; and

WHEREAS, practicing methods such as social distancing, washing your hands, and sanitizing areas are believed to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 is a disaster affecting life, health, and safety of city residents and non-residents alike; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned conditions constitute a threat to the safety and welfare of the City of Kingfisher, and create an emergency situation within the meaning of Section 1-9C-1 of City Code, therefore empowering provisions of 1-9C-3B of City Code, 3-2-8D1 of City Code, and Section 2.13 of Article II of the City Charter, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY STATE LAW, I, STEVE RICHARDS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KINGFISHER, OKLAHOMA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE:

SECTION ONE: A state of emergency exists within the corporate limits of the City of Kingfisher, Oklahoma with potential impacts to KPWA utility customers outside of the corporate limits where not restricted.

SECTION TWO: This proclamation shall become effective immediately upon approval and executed through 12:01 AM, April 6th 2020, unless extended or terminated by further proclamation.

SECTION THREE: The following City of Kingfisher 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:

CLOSED Senior Citizen Center, 201 S. 6th Street

CLOSED Vernie Snow Aquatic Center, 400 Park Road

CLOSED Library Memorial Library, 505 W. Will Rogers Drive

Restriction of usage of organized group activities in parks and public properties.
Kingfisher Parks shall remain available for individual access.

SECTION FOUR: Organized gatherings of fifty (50) or more people, excepting political subdivisions and state entities over which the City of Kingfisher has no control are hereby discouraged from such activity, until the expiration of this emergency declaration. In accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control Prevention (CDC), residents are urged to avoid all gatherings of ten (10) persons or more.

SECTION FIVE: Patrons of all gyms, fitness facilities, entertainment venues, movie theaters, recreational venues, private clubs, bars and lounges located within the corporate limits of the City of Kingfisher are highly encouraged to follow guidance from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

SECTION SIX: All restaurants, bars, and other privately-owned gathering places are highly encouraged to follow guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Such facilities are further encouraged to utilize “take-out”, “curb-side” or “delivery” service options.

SECTION SEVEN: Meetings of all City of Kingfisher commissions and boards, and its Public Trusts, shall continue as scheduled. Recently enacted SB 661 provisions may be utilized. Meetings will remain open to the public, and extra steps will be taken to ensure no close contact between attendees and good hygiene.

SECTION EIGHT: [Reserved Municipal Court] (next court date is Tuesday, April 7, 2020)

SECTION NINE: The city manager is authorized to make necessary operational changes to protect employees and the public from exposure to COVID-19 virus including, but not limited to the following:

- a) Limit access to, or to close, and all city facilities including city hall, if it is necessary for the protection of the public and employees. If City Hall is closed to public access, the City shall ensure citizens are able to communicate with the City as needed, preferably through social media, telephone and electronic methods.

- b) Take appropriate actions related to employees including, but not limited to, implementing best practices for hygiene, social distancing, ordering self-quarantine of employees, implementing protocols for first responders, canceling job related training, limiting employee travel for official business, and discouraging off-duty employees from travel or attendance at crowded venues.
- c) Suspend utility disconnections due to non-payment and waive late fees. Reconnect fees are not expected as disconnects will not be conducted.
- d) Authorization to make emergency purchases of goods and services and enter into contracts deemed necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to protect the public or private property from further harm or damage. Emergency purchases of goods and service shall not be subject to competitive bidding or other purchasing requirements established by city ordinance or policy. Contracts pursuant to said terms may be entered into by the city manager without prior approval of the City Commission.
- e) Authorization to implement emergency employee leave allowances to include:
 - 1. Full-time employees impacted by COVID-19, directly or indirectly, shall use accrued leave. Full-time employees without adequate leave balances shall be advanced leave.
 - 2. Part-time employees ineligible for leave accrual impacted by COVID-19, directly or indirectly, shall be provided leave for their average hours worked per pay period, based on the previous 6 months of pay periods.
 - 3. Authorization to buyback accrued leave from employees with a displaced spouse, or dependent, without income due to direct or indirect impacts from COVID-19 direct or indirect impacts.

SECTION TEN: 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 encouraged to follow guidelines of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

SECTION ELEVEN: All citizens of Kingfisher are encouraged to educate themselves on the COVID-19 virus by visiting the Oklahoma State Department of Health at <https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov> and to follow the guidelines of proper hygiene and social distancing for their protection and the protection of others.

SECTION TWELVE: As requested by the State Election Board, approval to rescind the election for Mayor, Commissioner and Capital Improvement Project Sales Tax scheduled for April 7th 2020, to be rescheduled in June 30, 2020; as such authorizing the extension


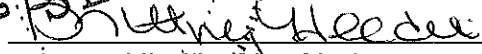
of the current term of Mayor Steve Richards and Commissioner Tammy Mueggenborg; authorizing the Mayor to execute a Resolution rescinding the election to file with the Election Board no later than March 31, 2020.

SECTION THIRTEEN: The state of emergency shall continue until 12:01 A.M., Monday, April 6, 2020.

PROCLAIMED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE GREAT CITY OF KINGFISHER, OKLAHOMA, AT 5:00 PM, THIS 18th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.



Mayor Steve Richards

Brittney Hladik, City Clerk