



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 on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma has declared a State of Emergency for all 77 counties in Oklahoma on March 15, 2020 and most recently updated with Seventh Amendment on April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma has declared a Health Emergency in Executive Order 2020-12 on April 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020 the Oklahoma State Health Department confirmed two (2) cases of COVID-19 in Kingfisher County; and

WHEREAS, The City of Kingfisher declared a state of emergency on March 18, 2020; 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 supercedes the March 18, 2020 declaration and shall become effective immediately upon approval and executed through the duration of the State of Oklahoma State of Emergency, 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

Organized group activities in parks and public properties is prohibited.

Kingfisher parks and public properties shall remain available for individual access.

Parks playground equipment is restricted from use by groups or individuals.

SECTION FOUR: Organized gatherings of ten (10) 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: In accordance with the State of Oklahoma Seventh Amended Executive Order 2020-007 all non-essential businesses as currently defined or future modified per the Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall close to the public, with the exceptions or variances granted by current or future modified Executive Order 2020-007.

SECTION SIX Meetings of all City of Kingfisher, and its Public Trusts, commissions and boards that are not mandatory during the state of emergency are cancelled. Required meetings may use recently enacted SB 661 provisions.

SECTION SEVEN: Municipal Court will continue operations through tele/video conference or rescheduling of cases.

SECTION EIGHT: 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 combine accrued leave balances of sick leave, vacation and compensatory time for non-essential employees into Paid Time-Off.
- f) Authorization to implement emergency employee leave advancement allowances to employees without accrued leave balances.
- g) Authorize reassignment of employees to maintain essential core critical services; and furlough or layoff of non-essential personnel if necessary.
- h) Authorization to adjust work schedules for essential employees for in-person at work, on-call, and remote work to minimize contact and limit exposure.

SECTION NINE: 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 TEN: Vulnerable Individuals: Persons over the age of sixty-five (65) or people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions shall stay in their place of residences except for working in an “Essential Business” and the conducting of “Essential Activities” as defined in Section Eleven. They are encouraged to use delivery or curbside service whenever available and to request help when needed from friends or family for errands.

SECTION ELEVEN: Stay at Home Order: Individuals may leave their residences only to perform “Essential Activities” or to perform any work necessary at an “Essential Business” per Oklahoma State Department of Commerce listing regarding essential businesses. Essential Activities include:

- a. Activities or tasks essential to one’s health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members, or close acquaintances, such as obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies needed to work from home;
- b. Activities necessary to obtain needed services for oneself and one’s family or household members, or close personal acquaintances, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as groceries, needed household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences;
- c. Outdoor activities, provided the individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), such as walking, to include pets, biking, hiking, jogging, or running;
- d. Activities or tasks required to perform work at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order;
- e. Activities or tasks required to care for a family member, close personal acquaintance, or a pet or livestock; and,
- f. Essential activities such as weddings, funerals, wakes, memorial services, church services, live auctions, or similar gathering with attendance of ten or less people.

SECTION TWELVE: Curfew: For the duration of this emergency, a curfew shall be in effect from 10:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m., except for individuals working in an “Essential Business”, or an emergency condition.

SECTION THIRTEEN: The state of emergency shall continue until expiration of the State of Oklahoma Executive Order 2020-007, or until further amended or rescinded.

PROCLAIMED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE GREAT CITY OF KINGFISHER, OKLAHOMA, AT 3:00 PM, THIS 2nd DAY OF APRIL, 2020.


Mayor Steve Richards

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