

DATE 04-29-2020


CITY CLERK

REVISED DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Coronavirus COVID-19 disease to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States has declared an infectious disease national emergency to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 the Governor of the State of Oklahoma has entered an Executive Order declaring an emergency caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this State and the public peace, health and safety; said declaration is in effect for all 77 Oklahoma Counties; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020 the Governor announced the Safer at Home Order (Executive Department - Fourth Amended Executive Order 2020-07) and Executive Memorandum 2020-01 for the State of Oklahoma and specifically for the 19 counties that have positive COVID-19 test results including Oklahoma County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, including but not limited to Title 21, Sections 1321.1-1321.10, the Charter and Municipal Code of the City of Edmond it is necessary to declare a State of Emergency in order to protect the public health; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Emergency issued on March 18, 2020 was revised on March 25, 2020 to include additional provisions pursuant to the Governor's Safer at Home Order of March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the Governor issued an Amended Executive Memorandum 2020-01 providing a list of essential business types authorized to remain open; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the State Board of Education unanimously approved an order that implements a Distance Learning Plan to complete the 2019-2020 school year for Oklahoma students without reopening school buildings; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the City of Edmond issued a revised Declaration of Emergency which adopted the Governor's Order concerning the closing of locations and limiting gatherings; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Governor issued the Fifth Amended Executive Order 2020-07; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020, the Governor issued the Sixth Amended Executive Order 2020-07 related to additional restrictions for persons who enter the state by air from an area with community spread; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the City of Edmond issued a revised Declaration of Emergency which further adopted the Governor's Safer at Home Order and ordered a shelter in place and closure of non-essential businesses and certain City-owned or operated facilities; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the Governor issued the Seventh Amended Executive Order 2020-07 extending dates to April 30, 2020, and closing non-essential businesses statewide; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Department-Executive Order 2020-12 declaring a health emergency in the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the City of Edmond issued a revised Declaration of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Department – Executive Order 2020-13 declaring a health emergency in the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Department – Amended Executive Order 2020-13 declaring a health emergency in the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Department – Second Amended Executive Order 2020-13, declaring a health emergency in the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Department – Third Amended Executive Order 2020-13, declaring a health emergency in the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2020, the Governor announced the Open Up and Recover Safely Plan – A Three Phase Approach to Open Oklahoma's Economy; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Department – Fourth Amended Executive Order 2020-13, declaring a health emergency in the State of Oklahoma modifying the previous Executive Orders to incorporate the Open Up and Recover Safely Plan (OURS - Plan).

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby declared that a State of Emergency continues to exist as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and specifically the local community transmission of such disease, is and continues to be a public disaster and a threat of injury to persons, which affects the life, health, property and public peace throughout the City of Edmond, Oklahoma; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that the provisions of the Governor's Safer at Home Order and related Amendments including the Open Up and Recover Safely Plan (OURS – Plan) are hereby adopted throughout the City of Edmond, Oklahoma unless specifically modified by this Revised Declaration of Emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that during the State of Emergency, the Mayor and City Council and City Manager shall exercise those powers, functions and duties prescribed by Oklahoma law, the City of Edmond Charter, and all applicable ordinances, resolutions, and the City of Edmond Emergency Operations Plan in order to minimize the effects of said emergency;

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that the previously issued Declarations of Emergency of March 18, 2020, March 25, 2020, March 30, 2020 and April 6, 2020 are hereby revoked effective May 1, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that the Open Up and Recover Safely Plan – A Three Phase Approach to Open Oklahoma’s Economy is hereby adopted by the City of Edmond, effective May 1, 2020, including all applicable guidelines, to wit:

- a. Unless otherwise addressed in the Open Up and Recover Safely (OURS) Plan on the Department of Commerce website, adults over the age of sixty-five (65) and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions, collectively referred to as “vulnerable individuals”, shall stay in their homes or place of residence except for working in a critical infrastructure sector, as more particularly described herein, and the conduct of essential errands. Essential errands shall mean those errands which are critical to everyday life and includes obtaining medication, groceries, gasoline, and visiting medical providers. The vulnerable population is encouraged to use delivery and/or curbside services where available.
- b. Unless otherwise specified in the Open Up and Recover Safely (OURS) Plan on the Oklahoma Department of Commerce website, individuals should follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for social distancing by staying out of crowded places, not gathering in groups, and staying at least 6 feet from other people.
- c. All businesses should, adhere to statewide Open Up and Recover Safely (OURS) Plan as provided on the Oklahoma Department of Commerce website.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that City-owned or operated sports courts, basketball courts, golf course, tennis center, dog park, and disc golf facilities may reopen subject to applicable social distancing, and CDC guidelines, and other City restrictions, on May 1, 2020. Additional City-owned or operated sports fields, fitness courts, and playgrounds may reopen on May 15, 2020. City Offices will remain closed to the public until further notice.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that all previously approved special event permits for all events through May 31, 2020 are hereby revoked.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that the City Manager is directed to not discontinue water and utility service for customers unable to pay their bills through May 31, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that all users of Citylink must maintain a distance of at least 3 feet from other users when possible.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that all Edmond citizens are encouraged to take extra measures to put a physical distance of six (6) feet between yourself and other people and to consider wearing a cloth facial covering when in a public setting as recommended by the CDC to further reduce your risk to being exposed to this new virus, and avail themselves of the resources and information through the Oklahoma City-County Health Department(OCCHD), the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). All citizens and businesses should comply with the Governor's Open Up and Recover Safely Plan.

THIS REVISED DECLARATION shall continue in effect until such time it is terminated or amended by issuance of a subsequent declaration.

Approved this 27th day of April, 2020.



Dan O'Neil, Mayor

Attest:



Cinda Covell, City Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legality:



Stephen T. Murdock, City Attorney