

CITY OF CHICKASHA
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07R

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICKASHA, GRADY COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, DECLARING A CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEASURES RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC PURSUANT TO TITLE 63, OKLAHOMA STATUTES, SECTION 6103.

WHEREAS, the United States is experiencing an outbreak of Novel Coronavirus -2019 also known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared an Infectious Disease National Emergency Declaration to combat COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Oklahoma State Department of Health announced the first COVID-19 presumptive positive test result for a resident of the Oklahoma City metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City of Chickasha City Manager issued an Emergency Declaration temporarily implementing enhanced, precautionary safety measures in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, information was received that an additional case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Cleveland County and that the COVID-19 case was transmitted through local community transmission; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of Oklahoma issued Executive Order 2020-07 declaring a State of Emergency for all 77 counties because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) has emphasized the COVID-19 risk to individuals is dependent on exposure and transmission through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, avoidance of human contact through methods such as social distancing is believed to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, public health officials state that estimate of mortality rates for COVID-19 exceed typical seasonal viruses; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued an Amended Executive Order 2020-07 updating the State of Emergency issued on Sunday, March 15, 2020 to include provisions suspending certain State regulations that could limit state and community partners from proactively reducing the threat of COVID-19 and responding quickly; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-08 recommending that all Oklahomans follow the President's Coronavirus Guidelines.

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor issued a Second Amended Executive Order 2020-07 allowing health professionals licensed in states that are members of the Emergency Management Compact to practice, so long as they meet certain other conditions; and allowing state occupational licenses for health care professionals that are set to expire to be temporarily extended during the crisis; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the first COVID-19 positive test result for a resident of Grady County, Oklahoma was announced; and

WHEREAS, the CDC issued Interim Guidance for Mass Gatherings or Large Community Events which recommends putting into action strategies for postponing or canceling events; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, the Governor issued the Third Amended Executive Order 2020-07 allowing University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University labs to perform COVID-19 testing, allow nurses with inactive licenses to quickly get recertified, allow nurses to practice regardless of tax compliant status and limit prescriptions of chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine to ensure there is an adequate supply for patients who need it the most; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Governor issued the Fourth Amended Executive Order 2020-07 and Executive Memorandum 2020-01 requiring vulnerable individuals to stay home except for essential errands, closing non-essential businesses in counties with confirmed case(s) of COVID-19, suspending certain elective and minor medical procedures, prohibiting gatherings of 10 or more individuals and restricting visitation at nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the Governor issued an Amended Executive Memorandum 2020-01 which provided 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 2019-20 school year for Oklahoma students without reopening school buildings; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Governor issued the Fifth Amended Executive Order to place a moratorium on all out-of-state travel paid for by the State of Oklahoma and temporarily relaxes peace officer and CLEET certification requirements; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020, the Governor issued the Sixth Amended Executive Order requiring travelers from six states to self-quarantine for 14 days, requiring delivery personnel to submit to screenings upon request at hospitals, clinics, long term care facilities and daycares, and protecting health care workers and their families from discrimination in housing or childcare; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the Governor issued the Seventh Amended Executive Order extending all provisions of the stay at home order to all 77 counties; closing all businesses not identified as being within a critical infrastructure sector; requiring restaurants to provide take-out and delivery options only and closing all bars through April 30; Postponing all elective surgeries, minor medical procedures, and non-emergency dental procedures; issuing a statewide stay at home order for adults over the age of 65 and vulnerable individuals with serious underlying medical conditions; prohibiting visitations to nursing homes and long-term care facilities; limiting gatherings to no more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the Governor issued the Eighth Amended Executive Order ensuring support staff of Oklahoma public schools can be paid for the remainder of their current contract despite school buildings being closed; and

WHEREAS, since April 7, 2020, there are 8 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Grady County, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, since April 7, 2020, there are 1,472 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and 67 deaths, in the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has recommended that people wear face coverings when making a public outing; and

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

WHEREAS, Title 63, Public Health and Safety, Section 6103, of the Oklahoma statutes, authorizes municipalities, during a catastrophic health emergency, to prevent, detect, manage, and contain health threats without unduly interfering with civil rights and liberties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICKASHA, GRADY COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1. The COVID-19 pandemic constitutes a catastrophic health emergency for the City of Chickasha; and

2. This Resolution hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the Executive Order (EO) 2020-07 issued by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma regarding COVID-19, as may be amended, except as specifically provided below; and
3. The City Manager shall be authorized to make all operational decisions or changes in services deemed necessary to the interest of the health and safety of city personnel and the general public; and
4. The City Manager shall be authorized to make fee waivers and/or payment deferments across all departments either through June 30, 2020, or at such time a resolution lifts this emergency order. Whichever date is sooner prevails; and
5. The City Manager shall have the authority to implement measures to prevent, detect, manage and contain health threats, including, but not limited to mandating facial covering and establishing a city wide curfew, except for individuals working in an “Essential Business”, or emergency condition.
 - (a) For purposes of this Resolution “Essential Businesses” shall mean those businesses identified by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma, or his designee, as critical infrastructure sectors, including critical government workers as defined by the government employer.

Further, this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Chris Mosley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan M. McDaniel, City Clerk