AMENDED PROCLAMATION


WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump issued a declaration of a nation-wide State of Emergency on March 13, 2020 declaring a public health emergency as a result of the national spread of the COVID-19 virus, and;

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Governor J. Kevin Stitt, issued Executive Order Number 2020-07 on March 15, 2020 declaring an emergency in all seventy-seven counties of Oklahoma caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this state and the public’s peace, health, and safety, and;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued the Revised Interim Guidance for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) on March 15, 2020 recommending a number of factors be considered in postponing or canceling mass gatherings, including that larger gatherings of more than 50 people offer more opportunities for person-to-person contact and therefore pose greater risk of COVID-19 transmission;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the White House issued guidelines that prohibited gatherings of 10 people or more;

WHEREAS, the event is consistent with the definition of “disaster” as defined by Section 683.3 of the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act of 2003, as amended, and;

WHEREAS, the event is consistent with the definition of “disaster” as defined in Section 11-23 (d) of Chapter 11 of the Code of the City of Shawnee, and;

WHEREAS, Section 11-29 (a) of Chapter 11 of the Code of the City of Shawnee provides that the Mayor, after finding that an emergency exists which affects life, health, property or the public peace, may proclaim a state of emergency in the area affected, and;

WHEREAS, Section 11-29 of Chapter 11 of the Code of the City of Shawnee provides for the powers of the Mayor and City Manager in the interest of public safety during the existence of a state of emergency, and;

WHEREAS, at this time, I, Richard D. Finley, Mayor of the City of Shawnee do hereby desire to exercise the authority vested in me by the above-cited sections of the law and to proclaim a state of emergency to exist in the City of Shawnee,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Finley, Mayor of the City of Shawnee, Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim a state of emergency to exist within the city, and;
I HEREBY DIRECT that the City Emergency Operations Plan be implemented, and;

I DO HEREBY FURTHER DIRECT that City agencies and officers shall be made available and committed to the reasonable extent necessary to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 to protect the health and safety of the public; and,

I DO FURTHER DIRECT that public notice of this proclamation and state of emergency shall be given by the City Clerk and to as many local news media outlets as may be practical; and,

I DO HEREBY FURTHER DIRECT that all City of Shawnee Special Events Permits for activities planned during the period March 17, 2020 through April 6, 2020 are suspended and no new permits will be granted during that period; and,

I DO HEREBY FURTHER DIRECT that all events with 10 or more people taking place on City-owned and operated properties, including streets and alleys, except for City Commission, Shawnee Municipal Authority, and Shawnee Airport Authority meetings are prohibited during the period of March 17, 2020 through April 6, 2020; and,

I DO HEREBY FURTHER DIRECT that all events with 10 or more people taking place on City-owned and operated properties that are managed or operated by outside organizations are prohibited during the period of March 17, 2020 through April 6, 2020; and,

I DO HEREBY FURTHER DIRECT that Board of Adjustment, Planning Commission, and Citizens Advisory Boards meetings shall be suspended during the period March 17, 2020 through April 6, 2020; and,

I DO HEREBY FURTHER DIRECT that the Shawnee Municipal Authority shall temporarily suspend utility cut-offs for those customers that are unable to pay their utility bill during the period March 17, 2020 through April 6, 2020; and,

I DO HEREBY FURTHER DIRECT that Shawnee Municipal Court hearings are postponed during the period March 17, 2020 through April 6, 2020, and shall be rescheduled to a later date acceptable to the Municipal Judge and Court Clerk, who will notify those persons affected of the rescheduled hearing time; and,

I DO HEREBY FURTHER DIRECT that all bars, lounges, hookah bars, cigar bars and vaping bars and lounges shall be closed to the public. All restaurant dining rooms shall be closed to the public, although drive-thru, carry-out and delivery options are strongly encouraged.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER DIRECT that all local gyms, dance studio’s, exercise facilities, recreation centers, spas, and sporting facilities shall be prohibited from operating or opening to patrons.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER DIRECT that all essential grocery and retail establishments shall daily provide at least one (1) hour of controlled access to patrons age 55 and over.
I DO HEREBY FURTHER DIRECT that this State of Emergency shall expire at 5:59 P.M. on April 6, 2020. This proclamation may be terminated, extended, or amended as needed at any time by the same manner in which the State of Emergency is declared.

ADOPTED and SIGNED this 20th day of March, 2020 at 1:15 P.M.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

LISA LASYONE, CMC, CITY CLERK

RICHARD FINLEY, MAYOR