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**REVISED PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**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 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of Oklahoma declared a State of Emergency 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 is through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

**WHEREAS**, public health officials state that estimates of mortality rates for COVID-19 exceed typical seasonal viruses; 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 15, 2020, information was received that an additional case has been confirmed in Cleveland County, a county into which Oklahoma City extends and is part of the greater metropolitan area of Oklahoma City; and

**WHEREAS**, the information indicated that the Cleveland County case was transmitted through local community transmission; and

**WHEREAS**, since March 16, 2020, more cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS**, Oklahoma City-County Health Department states this is the worst public health crisis to face our city in the last half-century; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 15-37 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code provides that I, as the Mayor, after finding that a public disaster exists which affects life, health, property or the public peace, may proclaim a state of emergency in the area affected; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 15-37 requires the proclamation be in writing, signed, and filed with the City Clerk and public notice as practical is provided through the news media of the issuance of said proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 15-38 provides that during the existence of a state of emergency, by proclamation, the following may be prohibited: (2) a designated number of persons from assembling or gathering on the public streets, parks or other areas either public or private, (6) the sale, purchase, or dispensing of alcoholic beverages, (7) the sale, purchase or dispensing of other commodities or goods, and (9) such other activities as Mayor reasonably believes should be prohibited to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, I, Mayor Holt, held a press conference at 5:20 pm on March 15, 2020, and announced my intent to declare a state of emergency due to the local community transmission of COVID-19; 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**, the City and its public trusts owns many properties and facilities where the public gathers for activities and entertainment; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the urgency of the situation and the advice of our public health professionals, I have determined that an actual emergency exists that requires the use of measures to secure the safety and protection of the public life and health; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, I issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency declaring a public disaster due to COVID-19 and suspending events on public property, revoking special event permits, and imposing distance requirements for public transit riders; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, subsequent to execution of the Proclamation, the CDC provided that “in states with evidence community transmission, bars, restaurants, food courts, gyms, and other indoor and outdoor venues where groups of people congregate should be closed”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the powers and authority provided in Section 15-37 and 15-38 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, my previous Proclamation should be revised to include additional provisions and a press conference providing notice of this Revised Proclamation was held at 2:15 pm on March 17, 2020.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** as the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, the COVID-19 pandemic, and specifically the local community transmission of such disease, is and continues to be a public disaster which affects life, health, property and public peace within the limits of The City of Oklahoma City.

**AND I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM**, the following provisions are issued and applicable within The City of Oklahoma City limits and are immediately effective and shall continue until the state of emergency is terminated by issuance of a subsequent proclamation:

1. Suspension of all events taking place between March 16, 2020 and April 12, 2020 with 50 or more participants at City operated properties/facilities.
2. Suspension of all events taking place between March 16, 2020 and April 12, 2020 with 50 or more participants at the City owned – subcontractor operated properties and City beneficiary Public Trust properties listed below:
  - Scissortail Park
  - Myriad Botanical Gardens
  - Riversport Adventure Property
  - Civic Center Music Hall
  - South Lakes Soccer Complex
  - North OKC Soccer Complex
  - Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark
  - Cox Convention Center
  - Chesapeake Energy Arena
  - USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium Complex
  - Oklahoma City Zoo
  - Zoo Amphitheater
  - MAPS 3 Senior Health and Wellness Facilities
  - Putnam City Athletic Association Ballpark at Lake Hefner Park
  - Putnam City Optimist Baseball and Softball Fields at Dolese Park
  - OKC Fairgrounds
  - Lake Hefner
  - Lake Overholser
  - Lake Stanley Draper
3. Revocation of the City’s approval of all special events permits and revocable permits issued for events on City and/or City beneficiary Public Trust property or requiring the closure of public right-of-way for events to take place between March 16, 2020 and April 12, 2020.

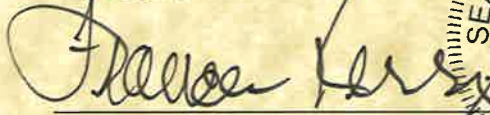


4. Requirement of a distance of at least three (3) feet between all users during transport on public transit.
5. Effective 5:00 pm, Tuesday, March 17, 2020 through April 12, 2020, all bars without on-premises food service, hooka bars, cigar bars, and vaping lounges shall be closed to the public. This does not prohibit the presence of personnel required for the maintenance of the facility or grounds. All other persons are restricted from such places.
6. Effective 12:01 am, Wednesday, March 18, 2020 through April 12, 2020, all bars with on-premises food service, breweries, taverns, and restaurants are restricted to providing only take-out or delivery of food and sale of pre-packaged alcohol authorized for sale under state law. Such locations are otherwise closed to the public and persons, other than employees, are restricted from such places for any other purpose. This provision does not include institutional or in-house cafeterias serving residents, employees, childcare facilities, hospitals or long-term care facilities.
7. Effective 12:01 am, Wednesday, March 18, 2020 through April 12, 2020, the following places are closed to the public and all persons, except personnel necessary for maintenance of the facility and grounds, are restricted from such places:
  - a. Athletic gyms, exercise facilities, indoor sports facilities, indoor climbing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, trampoline parks, and similar recreational facilities.
  - b. Movie theaters
  - c. Shopping mall food courts.
  - d. Remington Park gaming area.

**AND I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM**, that public notice of this proclamation and state of emergency shall be given to and filed with the City Clerk of The City of Oklahoma City.

**ADOPTED** and **SIGNED** this 17th day of March, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Clerk



  
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MAYOR DAVID HOLT

**APPROVED** as to form and legality.

  
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Deputy Municipal Counselor