

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COWETA, OKLAHOMA DECLARING THAT A STATE OF CIVIL EMERGENCY CURRENTLY EXISTS.

WHEREAS, on the 11th day of March 2020 the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus Covid-19 to be a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on the 13th day of March 2020 the President of the United States of America declared the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic to be a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on the 15th day of March 2020 the Governor of the State of Oklahoma declared that a threat to the public health, safety and welfare exists in the State as a result of the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the President and the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) have issued guidelines for slowing the spread of the Coronavirus Covid-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the primary purpose of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Coweta, Oklahoma.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma that:

Section 1. The Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic presents a clear and present danger to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Coweta, Oklahoma and that this declaration of a civil emergency by the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma is appropriate to address that danger.

Section 2. All events or gatherings of more than ten (10) people at City of Coweta, Oklahoma owned, leased or operated facilities are banned until April 6th, 2020 at which time the status of the civil emergency will be reassessed. The business and operational needs of the City of Coweta, its Trust Authorities, the City Council, and appointed boards and commissions are specifically exempted.

Section 3. The following City of Coweta, Oklahoma facilities and properties shall remain open for limited individual public access however, events or gatherings of more than ten (10) people not otherwise exempted are hereby cancelled during the term of this civil emergency. Individual facilities may develop and post further rules regarding individual public access.

1. Coweta City Hall
2. Coweta Police Station

3. Coweta Fire Station
4. Centennial Plaza
5. Roland Park
6. Coweta Sports Park
7. Jimmy Lee Campbell Memorial Park
8. Graham Park

Section 4. All in-person gatherings of more than ten (10) people for social, spiritual and recreational purposes, including but not limited to community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events, concerts, festivals, conventions, fundraisers, and similar activities are prohibited until the expiration of this civil emergency.

Section 5. Commercial establishments and service providers listed below are **strongly encouraged** to remain open to provide necessary services to citizens during the term of this civil emergency. These commercial establishments and service providers are to follow the latest guidance of the CDC and the Oklahoma State Department of Health pertaining to this civil emergency to help maintain the health and safety of the public while utilizing these services.

- Health care facilities, childcare facilities, and residential care facilities
- Pharmacies and drug stores
- Grocery stores, markets and convenience stores
- Gasoline retailers

Section 6. Commercial establishments, service providers and other public gathering places as listed below are **strongly encouraged** to close those facilities to the general public and instead utilize take out, drive through, or delivery options to continue to serve their customers. The owners, managers, and operators of the listed facilities choosing to keep their facilities open to the public must follow CDC and Oklahoma State Department of Health guidelines pertaining to this civil emergency as they are updated, including the recommendations for sanitation, avoiding gatherings of more than ten (10) people and maintaining at least six (6) feet of space for each patron. Commercial establishments and service providers found to be in noncompliance with this Section 6 are subject to immediate closure of the facility for the remaining term of this civil emergency by order of the City Manager or Chief of Police.

- Restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses and other places of public accommodation offering food or beverages to the public
- Bars, taverns, brew pubs, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries and other places of public accommodation offering alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption
- Gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities and other similar facilities offering recreation or entertainment to the public

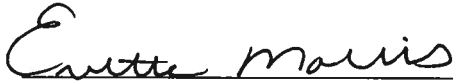
Section 7. All other businesses not specified in this order are required to implement the latest CDC and Oklahoma State Department of Health recommendations pertaining to this civil emergency to include social distancing and sanitation guidelines in their place of business during the term of this civil emergency. Businesses failing to comply with this Section 7 are subject to immediate closure for the remaining term of this civil emergency by order of the City Manager or Chief of Police.

Section 8. Applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines promulgated by appropriate federal, state, and or county authorities after the date of this Resolution, that contradict the terms herein shall be adopted without further action of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma.

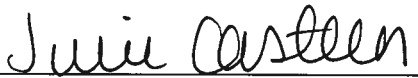
Section 9. The Coweta Public Works Authority is hereby directed to not terminate utility services of current customers for non-payment during the term of this civil emergency. Customary late fees, interest and other penalties shall continue to accrue and be immediately due and payable upon the expiration of this civil emergency.

Section 10. This Declaration of Civil Emergency and all provisions contained herein shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall continue in effect until 7:00 pm on April 6th, 2020, unless further extended.

This Resolution declaring a state of Civil Emergency is approved in open meeting by the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma on this 23rd day of March 2020.


Evette Morris, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Casteen, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronald D. Cates, City Attorney

