## PROCLAMATION

## ORDER PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF A CIVIL 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 declared a National Emergency; due to the COVID-19 Virus pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma has declared an emergency caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this State and the public's peace, health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, as of the date of this Proclamation there have been 10 confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the State of Oklahoma and 3 confirmed cases in Tulsa County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued Interim Guidance for Mass Gatherings or Large Community Events which recommends putting into action strategies for postponing or canceling events; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC advised certain American cities and counties to limit public gatherings of 50 people; and

**WHEREAS**, it is my duty as Mayor to protect the health and safety of the City and its inhabitants, to preserve the peace, and to provide civil defense and emergency functions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Collinsville regulates the issuance of special event permits and the Collinsville City Charter and State Law provide for the enactment of rules and regulations necessary for the protection of public health and to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases into the City, including regulating and restricting public gatherings which might constitute a threat to the public health, safety or welfare.

THEREFORE, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COLLINSVILLE I HEREBY PROCLAIM THE EXISTENCE OF A CIVIL EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF COLLINSVILLE AND FURTHER. IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AND ORDERED, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. All events or gatherings of fifty (50) people or more, in or on a City-owned or City-operated facility or property, are hereby banned, until at least April 14, 2020, when the pandemic emergency will be reassessed; and
- 2. All special event permits with projected attendance of fifty (50) people or more, are hereby revoked, and as of this date, no further such special event permits shall be issued and no such special events may be held in or on a City-owned or

City-operated facility or property until at least April 14, 2020, when the pandemic emergency will be reassessed.

3. The following City of Collinsville facilities will remain open for individual access, however all public and private gatherings, meetings, and events of fifty (50) people or more, are hereby postponed and/or cancelled until the expiration of this emergency declaration:

Collinsville City Hall
Collinsville Veterans Center
Collinsville Fire Department

Collinsville Public Works Facilities

Collinsville Police Department

Collinsville Parks\* and Recreation

- \* Park Patrons are **highly encouraged** to use discretion in all parts of the park facility playgrounds and open spaces, when crowded conditions exist.
- 4. All in-person gatherings 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 strongly discouraged, per CDC recommendations, until the expiration of this emergency declaration.
- 5. Restaurants, bars, and other privately owned gathering places are **highly encouraged** to ensure at least six (6) feet of space, per CDC recommendations, is available to each patron.
- 6. This state of emergency shall take effect March 17, 2020 and continue until 6:30 PM April 14, 2020 or terminated earlier by further proclamation.

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

Angela McGinnis, City Clerk

APPROVED as to FORM:

Ken Ray Underwood, City Attorney