



AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date: July 15, 2020

Staff Contact: Carol Lahman, City Attorney

Department: Legal

Subject: Discuss the COVID-19 pandemic, and take any necessary action.

Background:

In light of the progressive increase in the number of COVID cases in the state of Oklahoma, surrounding states, and in Northwest Oklahoma, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners will hear from the public and local health officials to determine if the City should impose additional regulations over and above those in place statewide.

Recommendation(s):

Discuss, take public comment, and consider taking action.

Attachments:

[Emergency Declaration COVID-19 Measures with Fine](#)

**CITY OF ENID, OKLAHOMA
DECLARATION
COVID-19 July 15, 2020
PURSUANT TO ENID MUNICIPAL CODE 2014, TITLE 5, CHAPTER 3,
SECTIONS 5-3-1 THROUGH 5-3-10 AND 63 O.S. 683.11.**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared COVID-19 (Coronavirus) to be a global pandemic; the President of the United States has declared an infectious disease national emergency declaration to combat COVID-19 on March 13, 2020; The State of Oklahoma declared a state of emergency on March 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, the City of Enid declared a state of emergency on March 16, 2020;

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

WHEREAS, the number of cases has increased in Oklahoma and surrounding states and if additional measures are not put in place local health officials are concerned that the safety and health of our residents will be compromised;

WHEREAS, the provisions of Enid Municipal Code 2014, Title 5, Public Safety, Chapter 3, Emergency Management, Sections 5-3-1 through 5-3-10, and 63 O.S. §683.11 permit the City Manager, to promulgate emergency regulations during a state of emergency within the City of the Enid.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DETERMINED THAT THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION AND SHALL AUGMENT THOSE PROMULGATED BY THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA AND WILL GO INTO EFFECT ON: Thursday, July 16, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

Section I. A state of emergency exists within the corporate limits of the City of Enid, Garfield County, Oklahoma.

Section II. This declaration grants the full range of emergency powers to the City to promulgate regulations and guidelines consistent with Enid Municipal Code, 2014, state and federal laws and regulations, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) infectious disease protocols to help minimize the transmission to Enid residents.

Section III. Definitions.

- A. "Local Health Officials" means the administrators of St. Mary's, Integris Bass, and Garfield County Health Department.
- B. "Social Distancing Requirements" refers to the maintenance at least a 6-foot minimum distance from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, regularly cleaning

high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands. Stay at home and contact a medical professional for guidance if you are feeling sick.

- C. “Substantial Community Spread” when used by the CDC refers to large scale community transmission, where health care staffing is significantly impacted and where there are multiple cases within communal settings.

Section IV. Face Coverings Required.

- A. Every person, shall wear a face covering consistent with CDC guidelines in any indoor location. Hospitals and schools will enforce their own policies, and this requirement does not apply while on hospital or school grounds.
- B. Exceptions:
- a. Children under five years old;
 - b. Persons for whom a mask would impair an existing health condition;
 - c. Persons communicating with a person with a disability when a mask would impede the disabled person understanding;
 - d. Persons with a disability that makes masks impractical;
 - e. Persons who are maintaining social distancing;
 - f. Persons in their own homes, the homes of companions, or family members;
 - g. Persons receiving personal care that requires a mask not be worn;
 - h. Persons exercising or engaging in sports while maintaining social distancing and where proper measures are in place for sanitizing surfaces;
 - i. Public safety personnel;
 - j. Persons whose occupation does not allow the wearing of a mask; and,
 - k. Persons who are eating or drinking while maintaining social distance other than with their family members or companions.
- C. Violation of the face covering requirement carries a \$100.00 fine, plus costs, for the first offense and a \$200.00 fine, plus costs, for an offense after former conviction of the requirement.

Section V. This declaration shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2020, unless and until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing.

This Declaration was approved by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

George C. Pankonin, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Approved as to Form and Legality:

Summer Anderson, Asst. City Clerk

Carol Lahman, City Attorney