

PROCLAMATION DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared COVID-19 (Coronavirus) to be a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared an infectious disease national emergency declaration to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, there have been seventeen confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the State of Oklahoma and one confirmed case in Payne County; and

WHEREAS, health professionals and researchers have determined that COVID-19 is spread by human contact and interaction; and

WHEREAS, avoidance of human contact through methods such as social distancing is believed to stop the spread of COVID-19; and

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

WHEREAS, the provisions of Section 6-11 of the Yale City Code and state law permit the Mayor of the City of Yale to proclaim that a state of emergency exists within any area of the City:

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE YALE CITY CODE AND STATE LAW, I, CLARA WELCH, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF YALE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE:

SECTION ONE: A state of emergency exists within the corporate limits of the City of Yale, Payne County, Oklahoma.

SECTION TWO: This proclamation shall become effective 12:01 AM Friday, March 20, 2020.

SECTION THREE: The following City of Yale facilities shall be closed and all programming and/or events scheduled at said locations shall be postponed and/or cancelled until the expiration of the emergency declaration:

Yale Public Library
Yale City Hall

Yale City Hall will be open for business by phone, if in person service is needed that can be handled by appointment only.

SECTION FOUR: The City Manager shall revoke any pending permit and not issue any new permit for any public or private event on any City street, sidewalk, facility, park, or property until the expiration of this emergency declaration.

SECTION FIVE: Meetings of all City of Yale authorities, boards, commissions, committees, and trusts are hereby postponed and/or cancelled until the expiration of the emergency declaration. All Meetings of the Yale City Commission, Yale Water and Sewage Trust Authority, and Yale Economic Development Authority are exempt from this cancellation requirement. These meetings will remain open to the public but steps will be taken to ensure no close contact between attendees.

SECTION SIX: All Yale Municipal Court dockets are cancelled. Cases scheduled for arraignment trial will be rescheduled. The Municipal Judge shall issue and order rescheduling cases and the Municipal Court Clerk shall issue written notifications of new court dates.

SECTION SEVEN: All in-person gatherings for social, spiritual and recreational purposes, including, but not limited to community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events; parades, concerts, festivals, conventions, fundraisers, and similar activities are strongly discouraged until the expiration of the emergency declaration.

SECTION EIGHT: Restaurants, bars and other privately owned gathering places are highly encouraged to limit the number of patrons such that at least (6) feet of space is available to each patron. Such facilities are further encouraged to transition to "take-out" or "delivery" options.

SECTION NINE: This state of emergency shall continue until 12:01 AM April 5, 2020 or terminated earlier by further proclamation.

PROCLAIMED THIS 19th DAY OF March, 2020.


CLARA WELCH, MAYOR


DEANNA COUCH, CITY CLERK

