

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE  
CITY OF GUTHRIE, LOGAN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

**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 multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the State of Oklahoma; 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 CDC (Center for Disease Control) has in accordance with its guidance for large events and mass gatherings recommended that for the next eight (8) weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Steven J. Gentling, the Mayor of the City of Guthrie, do hereby proclaim and declare a State of Emergency for the City of Guthrie, Logan County, Oklahoma

**Section One- Declaration, Coverage, and Authority:**

- ❖ That pursuant to Title 63 O.S. §, 24-683.1 et al, Oklahoma Emergency Management Act of 2003 that a State of Local Emergency exists within the City of Guthrie, Logan County, Oklahoma.
- ❖ That the entire area within the boundaries of City of Guthrie, Logan County, Oklahoma are covered by this Local Emergency Declaration.
- ❖ That the Mayor of the City of Guthrie has all rights and/or powers to perform such emergency response functions as are vested in the Mayor by and through the provisions of Title 63 O.S. §, 24-683.2 Findings and Declarations, and Article II. Section 10 Mayor Duties of the Guthrie City Charter.

**Section Two: Effective Date and Term**

- ❖ This State of Emergency Declaration shall become effective 12:01 AM Tuesday, March 16, 2020.
- ❖ This State of Emergency Declaration and the stipulations herein shall continue until 12:01 AM Tuesday, May 12, 2020 unless terminated earlier or renewed due to a continuation of said conditions creating the local disaster circumstances.
- ❖ Further, this proclamation is subject to amendment if conditions so warrant.

### Section Three: Public Events

- ❖ All events on city property, right-of-ways, and city owned or leased facilities that consist of gatherings of 50 people or more shall be cancelled or postponed.
- ❖ All City Exclusive Use Permits previously issued or pending for a date from March 16, 2020 through May 12, 2020 are hereby revoked.

Section Four: The following City of Guthrie facilities shall be closed and all programming and/or events scheduled at said locations shall be postponed and/or cancelled until the expiration of this State of Emergency Declaration:

- ❖ Guthrie Public Library
- ❖ Sports Facilities at Kiwanis Field, Cottonwood Flats, Owens Field, & the City of Guthrie Soccer Complex
- ❖ Highland Hall, except for the food preparation area leased to the Logan County Aging Services.
- ❖ Park Pavilions and Public Restrooms
- ❖ The following City of Guthrie facilities will remain open for individual access, however all public and private gatherings, meetings and events are hereby postponed and/or cancelled and no permits for gatherings, meetings and events at said locations shall be issued until the expiration of this Emergency Proclamation:
  - City Parks and Walking Trails

Section Five: Meetings of all City of Guthrie authorities, boards, commissions, committees, and trusts are hereby postponed and/or cancelled until the expiration of this Emergency declaration. All Meetings of the Guthrie City Council, Guthrie Public Works Authority (GPWA), and the Guthrie Economic Development Authority (GEDA) 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. City Council, GPWA and GEDA meetings will continue to be televised.

Section Six: All Guthrie Municipal Court dockets are cancelled. Cases scheduled for arraignment, hearing, and trial will be rescheduled. The Municipal Judge shall issue an order rescheduling cases and the Municipal Court Clerk shall provide notification of the new court dates.

### Section Seven: City of Guthrie Utility Services.

- ❖ Throughout the term of this Disaster Declaration the City of Guthrie will postpone cutting off water service for customers unable to pay their bills. There will be no disconnection or late penalties applied to anyone's bill during this time period and extensions will not be required.
- ❖ In lieu of making utility bill payments on the second floor of Guthrie City Hall, customers are encouraged to make check, money order, or cash payments through the night drop or by mail.
- ❖ Card payments can also be made through the City Website.
- ❖ Payment and/or questions can still be handled on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor if necessary.

Section Eight: 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 this Emergency Proclamation.

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

Section Ten: Local gyms and exercise facilities are encouraged to discontinue all group activities and to significantly increase and enhance facility cleaning regiments.

Section Eleven: Users of public transportation are encouraged to maintain a distance of at least three feet from other people/riders.


Section Twelve: It is encouraged that events of any size should only be continued if they can be carried out with adherence to guidelines for protecting vulnerable populations, hand hygiene, and social distancing. When feasible, organizers should consider modifying events to be virtual.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal to this instrument on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

CITY OF GUTHRIE

  
Steven J. Gentling, Mayor

ATTEST: (Seal)

  
Kim Biggs, City Clerk