

**CITY OF PURCELL, OKLAHOMA
PROCLAMATION**

ORDER PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF A CIVIL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the (Coronavirus) COVID-19 to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President of the United States of America declared an infectious disease National Emergency Declaration to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma 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 81 confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the State of Oklahoma; 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 cancelling events; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has advised American cities and counties to limit public gatherings; 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 Purcell regulates the issuance of special event permits and State Law provides 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 PURCELL, I HEREBY PROCLAIM THE EXISTENCE OF A CIVIL EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF PURCELL AND FURTHER, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. All events or gatherings of ten (10) people or more, in or on a city owned or city operated facility or property are hereby banned, until at least April 10, 2020, when the pandemic emergency will be reassessed, except for special city council meetings held to conduct essential municipal business; and
2. All special event permits with projected attendance of ten (10) 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 10, 2020, when the pandemic emergency will be reassessed.

3. The following City of Purcell facilities will remain open for individual access, however, all public and private gatherings, meetings, and events of ten (10) people or more are hereby postponed and/or cancelled until the expiration of this emergency declaration:
 - a. Purcell City Hall;
 - b. Purcell Fire Department;
 - c. Purcell Public Works Facilities;
 - d. Purcell Police Department;
 - e. Purcell Parks and Recreation;
 - i. Park patrons are **highly encouraged** to use discretion in all parts of park facilities, playgrounds, and open spaces. Team sports are banned at all Purcell parks and facilities until this proclamation terminates or is rescinded; and
 - f. Purcell library.
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 that at least six (6) feet of space, per CDC recommendations, is available to each patron. Such facilities are further **highly encouraged** to transition to “takeout” or “delivery” options until termination or rescission of this proclamation.
6. This state of emergency shall take effect March 24, 2020, and continue until 6:30 p.m., April 10, 2020, or terminated earlier by further proclamation.
7. Local gyms and exercise facilities are encouraged to discontinue all group activities and significantly increase and enhance facility cleaning regimens.
8. All Purcell Municipal Court dockets are cancelled until termination or rescission of this Proclamation. Cases scheduled for arraignment, hearing, or trial will be rescheduled. The municipal judge will issue an order rescheduling cases and the Court Clerk shall issue written notification of new court dates.

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 Purcell.

Adopted and signed this 24th day of March, 2020.

Ted Cox
Ted Cox, Mayor

ATTEST: Dorothy Kennedy
Dorothy Kennedy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Ted W. Haxel
Ted W. Haxel, City Attorney

