

**TOWN OF FLORENCE
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN THE TOWN OF FLORENCE**

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 26-311 authorizes the Mayor of the Town of Florence, Arizona or her designee to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the Town of Florence is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Florence adopted Resolution No. 1034-07 adopting the Town of Florence Emergency Response and Recovery Plan (the “Florence Emergency Response Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, was first detected in Wuhan Town, Hubei Province, China in December 2019, and the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) considers this virus to be a significant public health threat that has, and continues to spread globally; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 illness a public health emergency of international concern and on January 31, 2020 the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 illness; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Governor of the State of Arizona, Douglas A. Ducey, determined that the COVID-19 outbreak presents conditions in Arizona that justified his declaration of a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump, found and proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constituted a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-in an effort to control the COVID-19 outbreak-are currently recommending social distancing, the cancellation of non-essential large gatherings of more than 50 people, and that individuals older than 60 years of age, and those with chronic medical conditions should not attend gatherings of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump, issued “The President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread,” which recommends that all individuals avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, the Town continues to plan and prepare for event and facility closures, modified staffing plans, work-from-home programs, and enhanced communications to employees to ensure effective continuity of operations of the Town’s government; and

WHEREAS, prudence requires that precautionary measures be taken proactively due to the widespread nature of COVID-19 and its threat to public health, safety, and welfare as referenced in the Governor’s Declaration of Emergency, and that impacts from the same threaten public health and safety and the economic recovery of Florence; and

WHEREAS, the widespread nature of COVID-19 constitutes an immediate threat to life, public health, safety, and welfare, and to the economic recovery of Florence; and

WHEREAS, this local declaration of emergency will help ensure the economic recovery of Florence and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to vulnerable Florence residents, and it is reasonable and necessary to impose limited and temporary restrictions on certain uses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the immediate threat of COVID-19 is widespread across the State and precautionary measures are necessary to curtail the imminent impact on numerous homes and businesses in Florence because it is a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the general public in Florence; and

WHEREAS, the above facts give credence to the conditions of extreme peril and public health emergency; and the declaration of a local emergency will enable the Town of Florence to provide emergency resources, request additional resources and receive mutual aid from other political sub-divisions and entities and, thereafter, to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the Town.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND DECLARED as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the Code of the Town of Florence, Arizona (“Town Code”), Section 33.01, and A.R.S. Section 26-311(A), a local emergency now exists throughout the Town of Florence, Arizona due to the COVID-19 outbreak which presents conditions in the Town that endanger life and justifies this proclamation.

Section 2. Pursuant to the Town Code, Section 33.15, the Town of Florence’s Emergency Response Plan is hereby reaffirmed, adopted and incorporated herein by reference as if set out in full.

Section 3. Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 26-308, the Florence Town Manager is hereby appointed as the Town of Florence Local Emergency Director (“Local Emergency Director”) of all local emergency management programs within the Town of Florence, including the programs enumerated in the Florence Emergency Response Plan.

Section 4. The Local Emergency Director may make, amend and rescind orders, rules and regulations necessary for emergency functions but such shall not be inconsistent with orders, rules and regulations promulgated by the Governor of Arizona or the Mayor of the Town of Florence.

Section 5. The Town Manager is ordered, directed, and authorized to implement any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Proclamation.

Section 6. During the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this Town shall be those prescribed by State Law, by Ordinances, and Resolutions of Town of Florence.

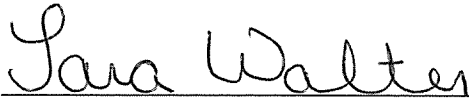
Section 7. Citizens are urged to cooperate with this emergency declaration and, to every degree possible, abide by and cooperate with the safety announcements, advisories, and restrictions established the community's public safety agencies and emergency services personnel.

Section 8. Town facilities will remain open for the time being but programs, events, and activities that are not essential will be suspended until further notice. Further details regarding suspended programs, events, and activities will be forthcoming. Closures of Town facilities may occur as needed in the future and the Town, acting through the Local Emergency Director and/or Mayor, will monitor those needs on an ongoing basis.

Section 9. This Proclamation shall remain in full force and effect until amended or terminated by order of the Mayor of the Town of Florence.

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.02, as amended, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the general public that during the declared State of Emergency a possible quorum of the Florence Town Council may be in attendance during the periodic County Health Emergency Operations Center and incident debriefs, however, no formal discussion/action will be taken by members in their role as the Florence Town Council.

PROCLAIMED, DECLARED, AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, ARIZONA THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2020



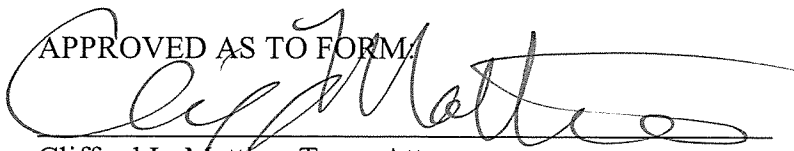
Tara Walter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Clifford L. Matice, Town Attorney