

*Office of the Mayor*



*Proclamation*

**CITY OF GOODYEAR  
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY  
COVID-19  
March 19, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization issued a formal declaration of a Public Health Emergency of International Concern finding that the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID19") outbreak constitutes a public health risk through the international spread of the disease that may require immediate international action; and

**WHEREAS**, following the World Health Organization's declaration, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak on January 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the worldwide spread of the virus, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is known to cause respiratory illness that can result in severe disease complications and death, with people 60 years or older and people of all ages with severe underlying health conditions, like heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, being most at risk of developing serious disease complications and dying; and

**WHEREAS**, illness from the virus COVID-19 is easily spread person-to-person and individuals who have been infected with the virus may unknowingly spread the virus because symptoms of the illness resulting from the virus may take as long as fourteen (14) days to manifest; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, Governor Ducey issued a Declaration of Emergency declaring the COVID-19 outbreak presented conditions in Arizona that are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single county, city or town and which require the combined efforts of the State and political subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 227,000 COVID-19 cases have been reported world-wide with more than 9,400 of those cases being in 50 states, including Arizona, and the district of Columbia, and in certain US territories; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of cases within the United States and specifically within Arizona is rising with reports of confirmed cases being reported in the West Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor, like the Governor and the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services, has reasonable cause to believe the spread of COVID-19 can lead to severe respiratory illness, disease complications and death for Arizona residents, particularly those with underlying medical conditions and those individuals 60 years or older; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure the spread of COVID-19 is controlled and the residents of Goodyear remain safe and healthy; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to A.R.S. Sec. 26-311 (A), the Goodyear City Charter Article II, Sec. 9, and the City of Goodyear Code of Ordinance Art. 3-7-4 (B), the Mayor of the City of Goodyear is authorized to, by proclamation, declare an emergency to exist; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to A.R.S. Sec. 26-311 (B) and the City of Goodyear Code of Ordinance Art. 3-7-4 (B), the Mayor shall, during an emergency, govern the City by proclamation and impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Georgia Lord, Mayor of the City of Goodyear, Arizona, and by authority of Arizona statutes, the Charter of the City of Goodyear, and the City of Goodyear Code of Ordinance, hereby proclaim:


- (1) Due to the risk the spread of COVID-19 poses to the residents of the City of Goodyear, a state of emergency is hereby declared to exist.
- (2) For the duration of the emergency the following regulations and directions shall be in effect:
  - A. The City Manager is to take all reasonable and necessary action to protect and preserve the safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Goodyear,
  - B. The City Manager is to take all reasonable and necessary action to protect and preserve the safety and welfare of the employees of the City of Goodyear while maintaining government services with a minimum of interruption.
  - C. The City Manager is authorized to suspend non-essential City programs and close or limit public access to City facilities and properties if reasonable and necessary.
  - D. The City Manager is authorized to suspend utility disconnects and late fees during the Declaration of Emergency.
  - E. The City Manager is authorized to suspend the issuance of City Special Event Permits and revoke any Special Events Permits that have been issued for events that have not yet been held through the Declaration of Emergency time period.
  - F. The City Manager and staff are authorized to utilize the Emergency Procurement provisions of §3-5-14 of the City Code and during this time of the Emergency Declaration the full report of emergency procurements to Council shall be deferred until the Emergency Declaration is terminated.
  - G. The City Manager and her staff are directed to pursue with both the State and Federal governments the availability of financial assistance to remedy the losses and expenses incurred by the City of Goodyear resulting from the actions taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
  - H. The City Manager and her staff are directed to continue the City's support of the local business community during and after the time of this Emergency Declaration including working with Federal, State and County governments to facilitate local business support.
  - I. All citizens and businesses are called upon and directed to obey the law, to comply with all necessary emergency measures, and to cooperate with public officials in carrying out their efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 including following the current and future amendments to the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC"), Maricopa County Department of Health, and Arizona State Department of Health Services which currently includes:



- Public gathering places, such as bars, clubs, libraries, gyms, and other places where groups in excess of 10 congregate, are asked to take measures to implement social distancing; and
- All restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, retail food facilities (dining establishments), and other similar businesses and establishments are asked to take measures to implement social distancing, and increase the use of delivery service, window service, drive-through service, or drive-up service, and to use precautions in doing so to mitigate the potential transmission of COVID-19, including social distancing; and
- Members of the public are urged to:
  - use social distancing and avoid groups of ten or more people;
  - avoid contact with those with elevated risks associated with COVID-19; and
  - stay home and contact your medical provider if you or others in your household feel sick; and
  - stay home and away from other people if you are an older person and/or you have a serious underlying condition that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system); and
  - practice good personal hygiene, such as regularly washing your hands, avoid touching your face, sneezing into a tissue or the inside of your elbow, and frequently disinfecting.

J. This Declaration shall remain in full force and effect until terminated by order of the Mayor.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the City of Goodyear on the nineteenth day of March, 2020, and to which I have caused the Seal of the City of Goodyear to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

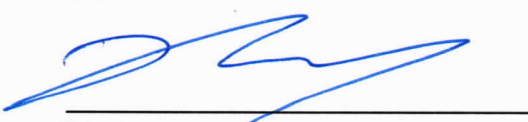
  
Mayor

Attest:

  
City Clerk



Approved as to Form:

  
City Attorney