Office of the Mayor City of Sedona, Arizona



PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, I, Sandra J. Moriarty, Mayor of the City of Sedona, Arizona do hereby proclaim a state of local emergency as follows:

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 26-311 and Section 2.10.040(F) of the Sedona City Code authorize the Mayor of the City of Sedona, Arizona to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency due to natural or manmade calamity or disaster or by reason of threats or occurrences of riots, routs, affrays, or other acts of civil disobedience which endanger life or property within the City of Sedona; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus as a Public Health Emergency followed by a declaration of pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Honorable Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a state of national emergency that began on March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sedona 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 City 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 security of the City of Sedona; and

WHEREAS, the widespread nature of COVID-19 constitutes an immediate threat to life, public health, safety, welfare, and to the economic security of the City of Sedona.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sandra J. Moriarty, Mayor of the City of Sedona, acting under the power vested in me pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-311 and Section 2.10.040(F) of the Sedona City Code to hereby declare that an emergency exists due to the threat of a COVID-19 outbreak into the City of Sedona community; that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the City shall be those prescribed by state law or by ordinances or resolutions of the City of Sedona; and, that the Mayor shall govern by proclamation and impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the City.

The Mayor orders that effective March 18, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. and continuing until March 31, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.:

- 1. City facilities will be closed to the public as of March 18, 2020 until further notice; City staff will work modified schedules with work-from-home performed as is practicable as determined by the City Manager; activities within the City of Sedona requiring City approval which anticipate gatherings of more than ten (10) people are suspended until further notice.
- 2. All restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, retail food facilities, and other similar businesses and establishments are prohibited from serving food and beverages for consumption on premises.

Members of the public are prohibited from entering said premises and remaining on-site to consume food and/or beverages.

Businesses and establishments subject to this section that offer food and beverages for on-premises consumption are encouraged to offer food and beverages using 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. In offering food or beverages, a business or establishment subject to this section that does not have the ability to offer window, drive-through or drive-up service may permit members of the public on its premises for the purpose of picking up their food or beverage orders.

- 3. The following businesses and establishments are hereby closed to use and occupancy by members of the public:
 - a. Bars, taverns, brew pubs, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, special licensees, clubs, and other similar businesses and establishments offering alcoholic beverages of spiritous liquor for consumption on-premises.
 - b. Theaters, cinemas, and indoor and outdoor performance venues;
 - c. Museums.
 - d. Gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, indoor exercise facilities, exercise studios, yoga and barre studios, and other similar facilities.
 - e. Bingo halls, bowling alleys, indoor climbing or jumping/bouncing facilities, skating rinks, and other similar recreational or entertainment facilities.

This section does not prohibit a proprietor, employee, contractor, vendor, or supplier of a local business from entering, using or occupying that place of business in their professional capacity.

- 4. The restrictions imposed by this Proclamation do not apply to any of the following:
 - a. Grocery stores, markets, convenience stores, and other similar businesses and establishments that offer food and beverage that is not for on-premises consumption;

- b. Pharmacies and drug stores;
- c. Food banks and food pantries;
- d. Cafeterias, commissaries, and restaurants located within health care facilities, nursing homes, shelters, group homes, places of worship, or similar facilities;
- e. Cafeterias, commissaries, and restaurants located within or on the premises of institutions of higher learning;
- f. Vendors and concessionaires located within the Sedona Airport;
- g. Banks and financial institutions;
- h. Other establishments not listed in the Section 3.
- 5. Pursuant to A.R.S. 26-317, a person who violates any of the above prohibitions shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Any violation that is continuing in nature shall constitute a separate offense on each successive date the violation continues, unless otherwise provided.
- 6. In addition, I strongly urge the leaders of the City's houses of worship to limit gatherings on their premises and to observe social distancing practices.
- 7. I also urge all business owners and employers to establish social distancing practices for their patrons and employees and avoid social gatherings of more than ten (10) people.

The City Manager, or his designees, shall take all appropriate action needed to alleviate and mitigate the effects of a possible COVID-19 outbreak within the City of Sedona, and to take any and all action, including such lawful actions necessary to respond to this emergency.

THIS PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY AND THE ORDERS INCLUDED HEREIN SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS FILING WITH THE CITY CLERK AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT AS PROVIDED ABOVE OR UNTIL A WITHDRAWAL OF THE PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY IS SIMILARLY FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK.

Issued this 18th day of March, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Sandra J. Moriarty, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan L. Irvine, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Robert L. Pick	US	Attorney		Maria Ma	
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