



PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

Whereas, on March 11, 2020 the world health organization (WHO) officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 outbreak and the 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 constitutes a national emergency; and

Whereas, on March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and prevention (CDC), in accordance with its guidance for large events and mass gatherings, recommended that for the next eight weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States, and expected to adjust that directive to 10 people or more; and

Whereas, on March 15, 2020, Governor Ducey ordered statewide closures of all Arizona schools through Friday, March 27, 2020; and

Whereas, A.R.S. § 26-311 and City of South Tucson Code Section 5-1 authorize the Mayor of the City of South Tucson to declare a local emergency under appropriate circumstances.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, I DO HEREBY DECLARE that the COVID-19 outbreak, consistent with the above listed declarations, proclamations, and recommendations, present conditions in the City of South Tucson that endanger life, and I hereby declare a local emergency in the City of South Tucson Arizona; and

I FURTHER DECLARE that the City of South Tucson Emergency Response is hereby activated and in effect until further notice, and the entire city limits of the City of South Tucson located within the boundaries of Pima County are hereby included in this declaration; and

I FURTHER DECLARE that City of South Tucson will follow the procedures and guidelines of the Pima County Health Department; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that in order to flatten the curve of the spread of the COVID-19 virus, keep our community from becoming overwhelmed, and maximize available funding, do as follows;

1. Take measures to implement social distancing in public gathering places, such as bars, clubs, libraries, gyms, and other places where groups in excess of 10 congregate.
2. Take measures to implement social distancing, increase the use of delivery service, window service, drive-through service, or drive-up service, while taking precautions to mitigate the potential transmission of COVID-19 in all restaurants, food courts, cafés, coffee houses, retail food facilities, and other similar businesses and establishments.
3. Members of the public are urged to:
 - a. use social distancing and avoid groups of 10 or more people; and
 - b. avoid contact with those who have elevated risk associated with COVID-19; and
 - c. stay home and contact your medical provider if you or others in your household feel sick; and
 - d. stay home and away from other people if you are an older person 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
 - e. practice good personal hygiene, such as regularly washing and disinfecting your hands and avoid touching your face. Do sneeze into a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
4. The City Manager is ordered, directed, and authorized to implement any and all appropriate and lawful actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Proclamation;
5. These emergency regulations shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the emergency declared herein abates and is withdrawn, or a subsequent Proclamation is issued with amendments; and
6. The City requests that financial, mutual aid, and in-kind assistance be obtained from the County of Pima, the State of Arizona, and the Federal Government of the United States of America as may be necessary and appropriate under the circumstances; and
7. In accordance with A.R.S. § 26-307(B), this Proclamation shall be effective when a copy is filed in the office of the City Clerk. Existing laws, ordinances, orders, rules and regulations in conflict with this chapter or orders, rules or regulations issued under authority of this chapter are suspended during the time and to the extent that they conflict.

PROCLAIMED, DECLARED, and ADOPTED this 18th date of March, 2020 at the City of South Tucson, Arizona.



Bob Teso, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Veronica Moreno, City Clerk



Bobby Yu, City Attorney