



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, 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 the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020, and the Governor of Arizona declared an emergency due to COVID-19 and issued Executive Order 2020-07 providing Proactive Measures to Protect Against COVID-19 and on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States, Donald Trump, declared a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak; and

WHEREAS, Governor Doug Ducey and Superintendent Kathy Hoffman, on March 15, 2020, announced a statewide closure of Arizona schools from Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in accordance with its guidance for large events and mass gatherings, recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious public health threat for infectious disease spread to Town of Springerville residents and visitors if proper precautions recommended by public health are not followed; and

WHEREAS, throughout the nation and State of Arizona, public health and health care systems have identified precautions and interventions that can mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

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

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the Town of Springerville is authorized by A.R.S. § 26-311, to declare an emergency; and

WHEREAS, during the emergency, the Common Council shall govern by proclamation and have the authority to preserve the peace and order of the Town of Springerville, including but not limited to:

- Imposing curfews;
- Ordering the closing of any business;
- Closing to public access any public building, street, or other public place; and

- Call upon regular or auxiliary law enforcement agencies and organizations within or without the town for assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Hanson Jr., Mayor of the Town of Springerville, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby proclaim that the COVID-19 outbreak presents conditions in the Town of Springerville which may be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the Town of Springerville, and thus justifies a declaration of emergency; accordingly, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-311, I do hereby:

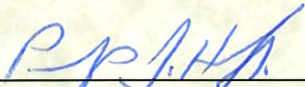
1. Determine and deem that an emergency exists due to the COVID-19 pandemic which presents conditions which could be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the Town of Springerville; and
2. Declare that the Common Council of the Town of Springerville shall, during such emergency, govern by proclamation and shall have the authority to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the Town of Springerville; and
3. Declare that during this emergency, the Town of Springerville shall have full power to provide mutual aid to any affected area in accordance with local ordinances, resolutions, emergency plans or agreements therefor; and
4. Request assistance of the County of Apache, the State of Arizona, and the Federal Government of the United States of America; and
5. Order and Direct that all town-scheduled activities creating a gathering of people of the town shall be canceled and that rental of town facilities to private parties for events shall be canceled and fees refunded; and
6. Order and direct that all out-of-state requests for town-business travel shall be denied unless summoned by court order or discretionary case by case for moving intergovernmental projects of the town forward or similar unavoidable circumstance; and
7. All businesses are encouraged to follow the protocols of Public Health officials and to limit large gatherings on their premises and to mitigate the potential for transmission, including using delivery services, drive-through service and social distancing. We encourage everyone to be measured in the purchasing of goods.
8. Order, direct and authorize the Town staff to implement any procedures and take any action the Common Council deems necessary to carry out the intent of this Proclamation.
9. Public meetings will be procedurally modified as follows until the emergency declared herein abates and is withdrawn, or a subsequent Proclamation is issued with amendments:

- a. Those necessary for attendance for an agenda item will be allowed to attend in limited numbers
- b. Those wishing to comment on an agenda item or call to the public will be allowed to call in to address the Mayor and Council.

Anyone who knowingly fails or refuses to obey the orders issued in this Proclamation shall be guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor as authorized by A.R.S. § 26-317.

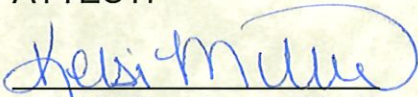
This declaration and order shall remain in full force and effect until amended or terminated by further order of the Mayor or Town Council.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2020.



Phil Hanson, Jr.,
Mayor

ATTEST:



Kelsi Miller, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Timothy B. Shaffery, Town Attorney
Shaffery Law Offices, P.L.L.C.

