

**CITY OF LEXINGTON, OKLAHOMA
PROCLAMATION**

ORDER PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF A CIVIL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the (Coronavirus) COVID-19 to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President of the United States of America declared an infectious disease National Emergency Declaration to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma declared an emergency for all 77 counties in Oklahoma caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this State and the public's peace, health and safety and most recently updated with a Seventh Amendment on April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of April 7, 2020 there have been 1,472 confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, the Oklahoma State Department of Health confirmed 203 cases of COVID-19 in Cleveland County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lexington declared a state of emergency on March 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, health professionals and researchers have determined that COVID-19 is spread by human contact and interaction; and

WHEREAS, avoidance of human contact through methods such as social distancing is believed to stop the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 is a disaster affecting life, health, and safety of Lexington residents and non-residents alike; and

WHEREAS, provisions of state law permit the Mayor of the City of Lexington to proclaim that a state of emergency exists within any area within its corporate limits:

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE LEXINGTON CITY CODE AND STATE LAW, I, DAVID ADAMS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE:

SECTION ONE: A state of emergency exists within the corporate limits of the City of Lexington, Cleveland County, Oklahoma.

SECTION TWO : This proclamation supersedes the March 19, 2020 declaration and shall become effective immediately upon approval and execution through the duration of the State of Oklahoma State of Emergency, unless extended, amended, or terminated by further proclamation.

SECTION THREE: The following facilities shall be closed, and all programming and/or events scheduled at said locations shall be postponed and/or cancelled until the expiration of this emergency declaration:

- Little Library
- Any and all Playground equipment in McCown park and North Park
- Basket Ball Court in McCown Park
- Pavilion at McCown Park
- Cal Hobson Softball Field
- Splash Pad in McCown Park
- Senior Citizens Center
- Community Room (Bank room)

The City Manager is authorized to make necessary operational changes to protect employees and the public from exposure to COVID-19 virus including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Limit access to, or close, all city facilities including city hall, if it is necessary for the protection of the public and employees. If City Hall is closed to public access, the City shall ensure citizens are able to communicate with the City as needed, preferably through social media, telephone, and other electronic methods.
2. Authorization to make emergency purchases of goods and services and enter into contracts deemed necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Emergency purchases of goods and services shall not be subject to competitive bidding or other purchasing requirements established by city ordinance or policy. Contracts pursuant to said terms may be entered into by the City Manager without prior approval of the City Council.

SECTION FOUR: The City Manager shall revoke any pending permit and not issue any new permit for any public or private event to any City street, sidewalk, facility, park, or property until the expiration of this emergency declaration.

SECTION FIVE: Meetings of all City of Lexington authorities, boards, commissions, committees, and trusts are hereby postponed and/or cancelled until the expiration of this emergency declaration. All meetings of the Lexington City Council and Lexington Public Works Authority are exempt from this cancellation requirement and may be modified in accordance with recently enacted SB661 provisions.

SECTION SIX: All Lexington Municipal Court dockets are cancelled. Cases scheduled for arraignments, hearings, and trials will be rescheduled. The Municipal Judge shall issue an order rescheduling cases and the Municipal Court Clerk shall issue written notification of new court dates.

SECTION SEVEN: In accordance with the State of Oklahoma Seventh Amended Executive Order 2020-07, all non-essential business as are currently defined or as future modified per the Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall close to the public with the exceptions and variances granted by the current or future provisions of the State of Oklahoma Seventh Amended Executive Order 2020-07.

SECTION EIGHT: Any and all gatherings of ten (10) people or more are strictly prohibited.

SECTION NINE: THE CITY OF LEXINGTON IS ISSUING A “SHELTER IN PLACE” ORDER FOR ALL RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF LEXINGTON. All residents living in or visiting the City of Lexington shall shelter at their place of residence. “Residence” includes homes, apartments, condominiums, hotels, motels, shared rentals, and similar facilities and accommodations. Persons may leave their residences only for Essential Activities as defined below, or to operate or perform essential businesses granted by or future modified State of Oklahoma Seventh Amended Executive Order 2020-007.

“ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES” SHALL INCLUDE:

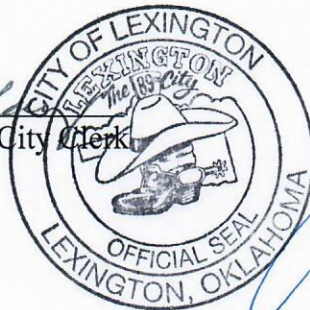
- a. Errands to maintain their health and safety or to the health and safety of their family, household members, or pets;
- b. Obtaining necessary services of supplies for themselves or their family, pets, or household members, such as food and supplies necessary for staying at home.
- c. Engaging in outdoor activity, such as walking, hiking, or running, provided they maintain at least six (6) feet of social distancing.
- d. Caring for or transporting a family member or pet in another household.
- e. Donating blood at authorised facilities.
- f. To move to another residence either in or outside of the limits of the City of Lexington.

SECTION TEN: This state or emergency shall continue until 12:01 a.m. April 30, 2020, or terminated or modified earlier by further proclamation.

AND I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM that public notice of this proclamation and state of emergency shall be given to and filed with the City Clerk of the City of Lexington.

Proclaimed, adopted and signed this 7th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST: 
Kim McClarney, City Clerk




David Adams, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: 
Ted W. Haxel, City Attorney