REVISED DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

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

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States has declared an infectious disease national emergency to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 the Governor of the State of Oklahoma has entered an Executive Order declaring an emergency caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this State and the public peace, health and safety; said declaration is in effect for all 77 Oklahoma Counties; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020 the Governor announced the Safer at Home Order (Executive Department - Fourth Amended Executive Order 2020-07) for the State of Oklahoma and specifically for the 19 counties that have positive COVID-19 test results including Oklahoma County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, the Charter and Municipal Code of the City of Edmond it is necessary to declare a State of Emergency in order to protect the public health; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Emergency issued on March 18, 2020 should be revised to include additional provisions pursuant to the Governor’s Safer at Home Order of March 24, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby declared that a State of Emergency continues to exist as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and specifically the local community transmission of such disease, is and continues to be a public disaster and a threat of injury to persons, which affects the life, health, property and public peace throughout the City of Edmond, Oklahoma; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that the provisions of the Governor’s Safer at Home Order is hereby adopted throughout the City of Edmond, Oklahoma; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that during the State of Emergency, the Mayor and City Council and City Manager shall exercise those powers, functions and duties prescribed by Oklahoma law, the City of Edmond Charter, and all applicable ordinances, resolutions, and the City of Edmond Emergency Operations Plan in order to minimize the effects of said emergency;

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED pursuant to the Governor’s Safer at Home Order the following:

a. Adults over the age of sixty-five (65) and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions, collectively referred to as “vulnerable individuals,”
shall stay in their home or place of residence except for working in a critical infrastructure sector, as more particularly described herein, and the conduct of essential errands. Essential errands shall mean those errands which are critical to everyday life and includes obtaining medication, groceries, gasoline, and visiting medical providers. The vulnerable population is encouraged to use delivery and/or curbside services whenever available.

b. Residents of Edmond and medical providers in Edmond shall postpone all elective surgeries, minor medical procedures, and non-emergency dental procedures until April 7, 2020.

c. Social gatherings of more than ten people are prohibited. Businesses within a critical infrastructure sector, as more particularly described herein, shall take all reasonable steps necessary to comply with this Declaration and protect their employees, workers and patrons.

d. Effective at 11:59 p.m. on March 25, 2020, all businesses not identified as being within a critical infrastructure sector as defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and located in the City of Edmond, Oklahoma County, as county which is experiencing community spread of COVID-19, as identified by OSDH on its website, shall close. Additional sectors may be designated by Executive Order or Memorandum from the Governor. Nothing in this provision shall prevent restaurants and bars from providing pick-up, curbside, and delivery. This shall be effective until April 16, 2020.

e. Visitors are prohibited from entering and visiting patients and residents at nursing homes, long term care facilities, and retirement homes.

f. Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Memorandum (Executive Department Executive Memorandum 2020-01) of March 24, 2020 which provides:
In addition to those critical infrastructure sectors identified by USDHS, the following are added:

HEALTHCARE/PUBLIC HEALTH
Health care providers (e.g. physicians, dentists, psychologist, mid-level practitioners, nurses and assistants, infection control and quality assurance personnel, pharmacists, physical and occupational therapists and assistants, social workers, speech pathologists and diagnostic and therapeutic technicians and technologists).
Manufacturers, technicians, logistics and warehouse operators, and distributors of personal care/hygiene products.
Behavioral health workers (including mental and substance use disorder) responsible for coordination, outreach, engagement, and treatment to individuals in need of mental health and/or substance use disorder services
Workers who provide support to vulnerable populations to ensure their health and well-being including family care providers.
Medical marijuana dispensaries.
Workers supporting veterinary hospitals and clinics.

LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRST RESPONDERS

Including frontline and management, personnel including emergency management, law enforcement, Emergency Management Systems, fire, and corrections, search and rescue, tactical teams including maritime, aviation and canine units. Workers at Public Safety Answering Points. Fire mitigation activities.

Private Security, private fire departments, and private emergency medical services personnel.

State and County workers responding to abuse and neglect of children, elders and dependent adults. Animal control officers.

OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Faith-based services that are provided through streaming or other technology. Critical government workers, as defined by the employer and consistent with Continuity of Operations Plans and Continuity of Government plans. Workers supporting public and private childcare establishments, pre-K establishments, K-12 schools, colleges, and universities for purposes of distance learning, provision of school meals, or care and supervision of minors to support essential workforce across all sectors.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that any subsequent Executive Orders and Executive Memorandums issued by the Governor, modifying the conditions set out in this Declaration are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that the City Manager is directed to not discontinue water and utility services for customers unable to pay their bills for a period of 30 days from March 18, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that all users of Citylink must maintain a distance of at least 3 feet from other users when possible.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that all Edmond citizens should take extra measures to put distance between yourself and other people to further reduce your risk to being exposed to this new virus, and should avail themselves of the resources and information through the Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD), the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSHD) and Center for Disease Control (CDC).
THIS REVISED DECLARATION shall continue in effect until such time it is terminated or amended by issuance of a subsequent declaration.

Approved this 25th day of March 2020.

Dan O'Neil, Mayor

Attest:

Cinda Covell, City Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legality:

Stephen T. Murdock, City Attorney