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, following the confirmation of the Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD) and the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) indicating the possibility of community spread in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan area; 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

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby declared that a State of Emergency now exists 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 that all previously approved special event permits for events March 18, 2020 to April 19, 2020 are hereby revoked, and all events with 50 or more participants at City owned - operated facilities are hereby suspended until further notice.

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.

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 effective 12:01 am, Thursday, March 19, 2020 through April 6, 2020, all bars without on-premises food service, hooka bars, cigar bars, and vaping lounges shall be closed to the public. This does not prohibit the presence of
personnel required for the maintenance of the facility or grounds. All other persons are restricted from such places.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that effective 12:01 am, Thursday, March 19, 2020 through April 6, 2020, all bars with on-premises food service, breweries, taverns, and restaurants are restricted to providing only take-out or delivery of food and sale of pre-packaged alcohol authorized for sale under state law. Such locations are otherwise closed to the public and persons, other than employees, are restricted from such places for any other purpose. This provision does not include institutional or in-house cafeterias serving residents, employees, childcare facilities, hospitals or long-term care facilities.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that effective 12:01 am, Thursday, March 19, 2020 through April 6, 2020, the following places are closed to the public and all persons, except personnel necessary for maintenance of the facility and grounds, are restricted from such places:

a. Athletic gyms, exercise facilities, indoor sports facilities, indoor climbing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, trampoline parks, and similar recreational facilities.

b. Movie theaters.

c. Food courts.

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 DECLARATION shall continue in effect until such time it is terminated or amended by issuance of a subsequent declaration.

Approved this 18th day of March 2020.

Dan O’Neil, Mayor

Attest:

Cinda Covel, City Clerk