

Proclamation



EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF MARICOPA

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 26-311 authorizes the Mayor of the City of Maricopa, Arizona or his designee to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City of Maricopa is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, was first detected in Wuhan Town, Hubei Province, China in December 2019, and the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) considers this virus to be a significant public health threat that has, and continues to spread globally; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 illness a public health emergency of international concern and on January 31, 2020 the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 illness; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, 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 constituted a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-in an effort to control the COVID-19 outbreak-are currently recommending social distancing, the cancellation of non-essential large gatherings of more than 10 people, and that individuals older than 60 years of age, and those with chronic medical conditions should not attend gatherings of more than 10 people; and

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WHEREAS, the City continues to plan and prepare for event and facility closures, modified staffing plans, work-from-home programs, and enhanced communications to employees to ensure effective continuity of operations of the City’s government; and

WHEREAS, prudence requires that precautionary measures be taken proactively due to the widespread nature of COVID-19 and its threat to public health, safety, and welfare as referenced in the Governor’s Declaration of Emergency, and that impacts from the same threaten public health and safety and the economic well-being of the City of Maricopa; and

WHEREAS, the widespread nature of COVID-19 constitutes an immediate threat to life, public health, safety, and welfare, and to the economic well-being of the City of Maricopa; and

WHEREAS, this local declaration of emergency will help ensure the economic recovery of the City of Maricopa and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to vulnerable Maricopa residents, and it is reasonable and necessary to impose limited and temporary restrictions on certain uses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the immediate threat of COVID-19 is widespread across the State and precautionary measures are necessary to curtail the imminent impact on numerous homes and businesses in the City of Maricopa because it is a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the above facts give credence to the conditions of extreme peril and public health emergency; and the declaration of a local emergency will enable the City of Maricopa to provide emergency resources, request additional resources and receive mutual aid from other political subdivisions and entities and, thereafter, to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND DECLARED as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the Code of the City of Maricopa, Arizona (“City Code”), Section 2-34(d), and A.R.S. Section 26-311(A), a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Maricopa, Arizona due to the COVID-19 outbreak which presents conditions in the City that endanger life and justifies this Proclamation.

Section 2. This Proclamation authorizes the Mayor, or his designee the City Manager, to take all lawful actions necessary to respond to this Emergency and to take all appropriate action to mitigate the effects and spread of COVID-19 and assist the City and its residents with the effects of the COVID- 19 outbreak including, but not limited to: closing City public buildings and places that reasonably may be closed; limiting hours of operation of City public buildings and places; cancelling or postponing City events, programs, and classes; imposing reasonable screenings for access to, or to remain in, City public buildings or places. Further, the designee, may revoke, postpone, or suspend issuance of any special event license that may endanger the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.

Section 3. This Proclamation authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to declare that procurements related to mitigating the effects or spread of COVID- 19 or related to assisting the City and its residents with the effects of COVID-19 to be under City of Maricopa Section 3-218 emergency procurements

Section 4. This Proclamation authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to seek and obtain financial and other forms of aid, relief, and assistance from federal, state, and county authorities,

Section 5. Citizens are urged to cooperate with this emergency declaration and, to every degree possible, abide by and cooperate with the safety announcements, advisories, and restrictions established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Arizona State Health Department, the Pinal County Health Department and the community's local officials and public safety agencies and emergency services personnel.

Members of the public, are encouraged to follow the most current recommendations of the CDC, the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Pinal County Health Department:

- i. Use social distancing and avoid groups of ten or more people; and
- ii. Avoid contact with those with elevated risks associated with COVID-19; and
- iii. Stay home and contact your medical provider if you or others in your household feel sick; and
- iv. 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
- v. Practice good personal hygiene, such as regularly washing your hands, avoid touching your face, sneezing into a tissue or the inside of your elbow, and frequently disinfecting.

Section 6. Pursuant to the Executive Order issued on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of Arizona, Douglas A. Ducey ordered the following:

- i. Beginning at the close of business on Friday, March 20, 2020, all bars, movie theaters and indoor gyms and fitness clubs within the City of Maricopa shall close access to the public until further notice.
- ii. Beginning at the close of business on Friday, March 20, 2020, all restaurants within the City of Maricopa shall close access to on-site dining until further notice. Restaurants may continue serving the public through pick up, delivery, and drive-thru operations.

Section 7. Any business not referenced in Section 6 above may continue operations while taking precautions to ensure social distancing and appropriate hygiene standards according to the CDC, the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Pinal County Health Department.

Section 8. This Proclamation shall remain in full force and effect until amended or terminated by order of the Mayor of the City of Maricopa.

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.02, as amended, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the general public that during the declared State of Emergency a possible quorum of the Maricopa City Council may be in attendance during the periodic incident debriefs, including those by the State of Arizona, County of Pinal, or City, however, no formal discussion/action will be taken by members in their role as the Maricopa City Council.

PROCLAIMED, DECLARED, AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020


Christian Price
Mayor

ATTEST:


Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk

