



Proclamation of Emergency

PROCLAMATION BY GINNY DICKEY, THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZONA

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the 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 based upon the outbreak's threat to human health and safety; 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 based upon the outbreak's threat to human health and safety; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Arizona Department of Health Services recommended: (1) that for the next 8 weeks, organizers cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more, (2) statewide closures of Arizona schools through Friday, March 27, 2020, and (3) that employers permit telework and other alternatives when available (collectively, the "CDC Instructions"); and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Trump issued his "Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread" (the "March 16, 2020 Presidential Directive") which provides guidance to avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people (and direction to "listen to and follow the directions of your state and local authorities"); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Fountain Hills is authorized under the current circumstances by Town Code § 3-5-4(B), A.R.S. § 26-307, and/or A.R.S. § 26-311 to proclaim that a local emergency exists and, thereafter, to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the Town of Fountain Hills.

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND IMPOSED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The COVID-19 outbreak and the instructions in the above-listed declarations, proclamations, and recommendations present conditions in the Town of Fountain Hills that justify this proclamation of an emergency.
2. The March 16, 2020 Presidential Directive and CDC Instructions are hereby incorporated by reference, and compliance with the guidance and instructions therein is hereby ordered, with the Town giving deference, to the extent applicable, to the State of Arizona and the County of Maricopa in their interpretation or further instructions regarding the March 16, 2020 Presidential Directive and CDC Instructions, given their superior knowledge of, expertise in, and greater responsibility for public health matters.

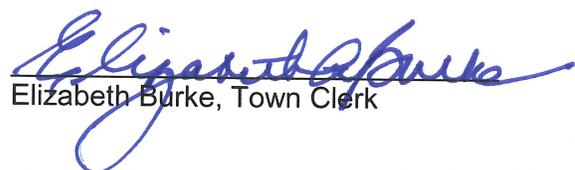
3. Along with the CDC Instructions and March 16, 2020 Presidential Directive, given the fluidity of the current situation, other instructions that may emerge from qualified governmental public health officials related to COVID-19 and reducing its spread shall be followed to the extent applicable.
4. The postponement of all Boards and Commissions meetings through the end of April 2020.
5. Limiting Town Council meetings to live broadcasts and live streaming from the internet without attendance from the general public.
6. Closing the Fountain Hills Community Center through the end of April 2020.
7. Cancellation of all Town events at Town facilities and parks through the end of April 2020.
8. Implementing measures in the work place in the Town of Fountain Hills to limit exposure to COVID-19.
9. The Town Manager, in consultation with the Mayor, is ordered, directed, and authorized to implement any procedures and take any actions that he deems necessary to carry out the intent of this Proclamation.
10. These emergency regulations shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the emergency declared herein abates and is withdrawn, or a subsequent Proclamation is issued with amendments.
11. The Town requests that financial, mutual aid, and in-kind assistance be obtained from the County of Maricopa, the State of Arizona, and the Federal Government of the United States of America as may be necessary and appropriate under the circumstances.
12. In accordance with A.R.S. § 26-307(B), this Proclamation shall be effective when a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Town Clerk. Existing laws, ordinances, orders, rules and regulations in conflict with the same are hereby suspended during the time and to the extent that they conflict.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Town of Fountain Hills this 18th day of March 2020.




Ginny Dickey, Mayor

Attest:


Elizabeth Burke, Town Clerk