

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COWETA, OKLAHOMA DECLARING THAT A STATE OF CIVIL EMERGENCY CURRENTLY EXISTS.**

**WHEREAS**, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus Covid-19 to be a worldwide pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 the President of the United States of America declared the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic to be a National Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 the Governor of the State of Oklahoma declared that a threat to the public health, safety and welfare exists in the State as a result of the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the President and the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) have issued guidelines for slowing the spread of the Coronavirus Covid-19 in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the primary purpose of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Coweta, Oklahoma.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma that:

**Section 1.** The Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic presents a clear danger to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Coweta, Oklahoma and that this declaration of a civil emergency by the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma is appropriate to address that danger.

**Section 2.** All events or gatherings of ten (10) or more people at City of Coweta, Oklahoma owned, leased or operated facilities are banned until April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at which time the status of the civil emergency will be reassessed. The business and operational needs of the City of Coweta, its Trust Authorities, the City Council, and appointed boards and commissions are specifically exempted.

**Section 3.** The following City of Coweta, Oklahoma facilities and properties shall remain open for limited individual public access however, events or gatherings of ten (10) or more people not otherwise exempted are hereby cancelled during the term of this civil emergency. Individual facilities may develop and post further rules regarding individual public access.

1. Coweta City Hall
2. Coweta Police Station

3. Coweta Fire Station
4. Coweta Public Library
5. Centennial Plaza
6. Roland Park
7. Coweta Sports Park
8. Jimmy Lee Campbell Memorial Park
9. Graham Park

**Section 4.** All in-person gatherings of ten (10) or more persons for social, spiritual and recreational purposes, including but not limited to community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events, concerts, festivals, conventions, fundraisers, and similar activities are **strongly discouraged**, per CDC recommendations, until the expiration of this civil emergency.

**Section 5.** Restaurants, bars and other public gathering places are **highly encouraged** to utilize take out, drive through, or delivery options for their customers and to ensure that at least six (6) feet of space, per CDC guidelines, is available for each patron during the term of this emergency.

**Section 6.** Applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines promulgated by appropriate federal, state, and or county authorities after the date of this Resolution, that contradict the terms herein shall be adopted without further action of the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma.

**Section 7.** The Coweta Public Works Authority is hereby directed to not terminate utility services of current customers for non-payment during the term of this civil emergency. Customary late fees, interest and other penalties shall continue to accrue and be immediately due and payable upon the expiration of this civil emergency.

**Section 8.** This Declaration of Civil Emergency and all provisions contained herein shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall continue in effect until 7:00 pm on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, unless further extended.

This Resolution declaring a state of Civil Emergency is approved in open meeting by the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020.

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Evette Morris, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Julie Casteen, City Clerk

APPROVED:

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Ronald D. Cates, City Attorney