

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13**

**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**, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020, the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma adopted Resolution 2020-10 declaring that a civil emergency exists in the City of Coweta, Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma adopted Resolution 2020-12 amending Resolution 2020-10 and declaring that a civil emergency exists in the City of Coweta, Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma released the Open Up & Recover Safely (OURS) Plan related to 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**, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma has issued several Executive Orders pertaining to the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic; 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 continues to present a clear and present 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 in accordance with O.S. 63-683.11 is appropriate to address that danger.

**Section 2.** The provisions of Resolution 2020-10 adopted March 23, 2020 and Resolution 2020-12 adopted April 6, 2020 by the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma are hereby amended by this Resolution.

**Section 3.** All events or gatherings of more than ten (10) people at City of Coweta, Oklahoma owned, leased or operated facilities are banned until May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. 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 4.** The following City of Coweta, Oklahoma facilities and properties shall remain open for limited individual public access however, events or gatherings of more than ten (10) people not otherwise exempted are hereby cancelled until May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. 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. Centennial Plaza
5. Roland Park
6. Coweta Sports Park
7. Jimmy Lee Campbell Memorial Park
8. Graham Park
9. Coweta Public Library

**Section 5.** Itinerant Vendors, as defined in Part 9 of the Coweta City Code, whether possessing a valid permit issued by the City of Coweta, Oklahoma or not, are specifically **Ordered** to cease and desist all activities that entail the-passage or traversing upon residential or commercial properties in the City of Coweta, Oklahoma without the specific invitation of the person in charge of said property until May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Section 6.** The provisions of the Open Up & Recovery Safely (OURS) Plan on the Oklahoma Department of Commerce's website, as such may be amended, that are not in direct conflict with terms of Sections 1 – 5 of this Resolution, are hereby adopted. The most current version of the OURS Plan may be accessed at <https://www.okcommerce.gov/covid19/ours-plan/>.

**Section 7.** Applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines pertaining to the current State of Emergency declared by the President of the United States promulgated by any agency of the United States of America, the State of Oklahoma, the County of Wagoner, Oklahoma or the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, having proper jurisdiction 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 8.** The Coweta Public Works Authority is hereby directed to not terminate utility services of utility customers for non-payment on or before May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Utility customers who have not paid outstanding balances as of that date, shall bring their accounts current or enter into satisfactory payment arrangements in accordance with the standard practices of the Coweta Public Works Authority before 4:00 p.m. that day. Those utility customers that are thereafter not current or under a satisfactory payment arrangement, shall have their utility services disconnected in accordance with the standard practices of the Coweta Public Works Authority. Unpaid customary late fees, interest and other penalties accrued on utility accounts after March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 through the date of this Resolution are hereby waived.

**Section 9.** The allocation of personnel, equipment and materials required to respond to calls for emergency public safety incidents inside and outside the corporate limits of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma are at the discretion of the Fire Chief or the Chief of Police until the earlier of the termination of the current National Emergency as declared by the President of the United States or December 31, 2020.

**Section 10.** This Declaration of Civil Emergency and all provisions contained herein shall take effect immediately upon adoption, unless otherwise indicated herein, and shall continue in effect until the earlier of the termination of the National Emergency declaration by the President of the United States or December 31, 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 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