

**RESOLUTION NO. CC2020-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA, RECOMMENDING THAT ALL CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI FOLLOW CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) GUIDELINES TO PREVENT FURTHER SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS.**

**WHEREAS**, the world is experiencing an outbreak of a respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus (“COVID-19”), and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the corona virus COVID-19 disease to be a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a National Emergency; due to the COVID-19 Virus pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma declared an emergency caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this State and the public's peace, health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 21, 2020 the City Council of the City of Miami declared a health disaster caused by the COVID-19 virus pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council declares that the continuing occurrence and threat of widespread infection from this deadly disease is not only a threat to the life, health and safety of its citizens , but also is causing severe economic damage to the City and State; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council notes that on July 10, 2020, Dallas Federal Reserve Bank President Robert Kaplan publically stated that:

- i. The “key to ensuring a faster U. S. Economic recovery is wearing masks to slow the spread of the coronavirus:” and

- ii. “How the [COVID-19] virus proceeds, and what the incidence is, is going to be directly related to how fast we grow [economically]” . . .; and
- iii. “While monetary and fiscal policy have a key role to play, the primary economic policy from here is broad mask wearing and good execution of . . . healthcare protocols; if we do that well, we’ll grow faster”; and
- iv. “The message I’d have today about the economy (is that) while monetary policy and fiscal policy are very important, they are not as important right now in us doing a good job of flattening this curve on the virus, and if we do that, we’ll grow faster.”

**WHEREAS**, there is currently not available a vaccine or cure for COVID 19; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), the virus spreads between people who are within six feet of one another and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, sings or raises their voice; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC recommends that all people two years of age and older wear face coverings when in public settings and around people who do not live in the same household, particularly when other social distancing measures cannot be maintained; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC also recommends that people limit close contact with others outside of the same household by maintaining a distance of at least six feet between yourself and others, in both indoor and outdoor spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC further recommends that people wash and sanitize their hands frequently and avoid large crowds; and

**WHEREAS**, with the transmission of COVID-19 and related hospitalizations continuing to increase across Oklahoma, including in the City of Miami and Ottawa County, the City Council recognizes that provisions to protect the life and health of residents and employees and the economic well being of the businesses of the City of Miami as set forth below are essential.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Miami, Oklahoma, as follows:

I. COVID-19 is a new, highly contagious and deadly disease that medical science is constantly learning more about; how it causes illness, how it spreads, how to prevent it's spread and how to treat it. The CDC has the most current and complete information that can help all citizens and businesses to protect themselves, both physically and financially from the ravages of the disease. We urge all citizens to keep themselves familiarized with the most current guideline recommendations from the CDC, and follow them.

II. At the time of enacting this Resolution, the most current CDC guidelines recommend:

- A. Everyone should wash their hands with soap and water frequently, and when that is not possible to use a hand sanitizer.
- B. Maintain social distancing (at least 6 feet) from people who are sick or who do not live in your household. Avoid crowds and other social gatherings which make social distancing difficult.
- C. Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others not in your household.
- D. Cover your mouth and nose for coughs and sneezes with tissue or the inside of you elbow. Wash or sanitize your hands afterwards.
- E. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces often.
- F. Closely monitor your health for symptoms; watch for fever, a cough, shortness of breath or other symptoms of COVID-19.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Miami, Oklahoma, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2020.



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