

Resolution 20-09

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF CHOCTAW UNTIL APRIL 30, 2020

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared COVID-19 a national emergency and ordered each state to set up emergency operations centers and ordered hospitals to activate their emergency preparedness plans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Choctaw passed and adopted Resolution No. 20-08 on March 18, 2020 declaring a State of Emergency for the City of Choctaw until April 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma issued an amended statewide declaration of emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak on March 26, 2020 exempting private and public golf courses; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020, the President of the United States extended the federal stay-at-home guidelines to April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, health professionals and researchers have determined that COVID-19 is spread by human contact and interaction; and

WHEREAS, avoidance of human contact through methods such as social distancing is believed to stop the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 is a disaster affecting life, health, and safety of Choctaw residents and non-residents alike; and

WHEREAS, due to the evidence across the country of rapid community spread placing residents in danger and threatening hospital resources, additional restrictions are required to protect public health, reduce further damage, insure public safety and render emergency relief.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RANDY ROSS, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHOCTAW, OKLAHOMA, DO HEREBY AND PROCLAIM AND DECLARE:

SECTION 1: A state of emergency exists within the corporate limits of the City of Choctaw, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma pursuant to Title 63 O.S. §24-683.1 et al, the Oklahoma Emergency Act of 2003.

SECTION 2: This proclamation shall become effective immediately upon signature by the Mayor.

SECTION 3: Resolution No. 20-08, dated March 18, 2020, shall remain in full force and effect to the extent said resolution does not contradict this order and is hereby extended until the expiration of this emergency declaration.

SECTION 4: The aforementioned conditions continue to constitute an ongoing threat to the safety and welfare of the city necessitating additional restrictions and creating a civil emergency situation within the meaning of Titles 21 and 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 5: The following additional restrictions shall be implemented on the effective date of this resolution:

- a) "Safe at Home": All residents living within the corporate limits of the City of Choctaw are required to remain "safe at home" at their place of residence. Under the order residents of the City of Choctaw are required by law to remain "safe at home" in their place of residence. People, however, will be allowed to leave their residences only for essential activities or to operate essential business. Essential activities as provided herein:
1. To engage in activities to perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family, household members, or pets (for example, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, obtaining supplies needed to work from home, or perform property maintenance)
 2. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves, family, household members, or pets or to deliver those services or supplies to others (for example, food and beverage, pet supply, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences)
 3. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals, except household members, follow social distancing guidelines issued by the CDC (for example, walking, biking, hiking, or running)
 4. To perform work at an Essential Business
 5. To care for or transport a family member or pet in another household
 6. To move to another residence either in or outside the limits of the City of Choctaw
 7. To otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Resolution
- b) City-owned or operated sports facilities and courts such as basketball courts, golf courses, sports fields, dog parks, fitness courts, playgrounds, playground equipment, fitness equipment and disc golf facilities are closed to the public. Also, all people, except personnel necessary for maintenance of the facilities or grounds, are prohibited from the property through April 30, 2020.
- c) Any business owner keeping a non-essential business open in violation of this Declaration shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the Governor's Executive Order.

PROCLAIMED THIS 7th Day of April, 2020.

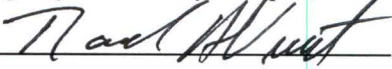
ATTEST:


Amanda Valent, City Clerk




Randy Ross, Mayor

Approved as to form and legality this 7th day of April, 2020.



Ray Vincent, City Attorney