Resolution 20-13

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF CHOCTAW

WHEREAS, the City of Choctaw passed and adopted Resolution No. 20-09 on April 7, 2020 amending the declaration of a State of Emergency for the City of Choctaw until April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor Stitt published Open Up and Recover Safely, a three-phase approach to open Oklahoma’s economy, on April 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, based on scientific modeling from public health experts the three-phase approach is intended to mitigate the risk of resurgence, protect Oklahoma’s most vulnerable citizens and is intended for businesses and individuals to utilize in conjunction with guidance from the OKC-County Health Department, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the Oklahoma Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC); and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Health and Mental Health will confirm prior to proceeding to a new phase that Oklahoma COVID-19 hospitalizations and incidents are at a manageable level, that hospitals are treating all patients without alternate care sites, that there is sufficient testing material in the state and ability to conduct contact tracing, and that the state can quickly and independently supply sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and critical medical equipment to handle the surge.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RANDY ROSS, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHOCTAW, OKLAHOMA, DO HEREBY 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: The following shall be implemented on the effective date of this resolution:

a) Phase 1 - May 1, 2020:
   - The following businesses/facilities can reopen and must adhere to sanitation and physical distancing protocols and CDC-recommended guidelines from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce:
     i. Personal care businesses, such as hair salons, barbershops, spas, nail salons, and pet groomers can reopen for appointments only and must adhere to guidance provided by the Oklahoma Cosmetology Board
     ii. State parks and outdoor recreation to include City-owned basketball courts, golf courses, playgrounds, playground equipment, fitness courts and fitness equipment, and disc golf facilities
iii. Grocery stores should continue to maintain hours for vulnerable populations
iv. Restaurants, dining establishments and entertainment (dining establishments should have tables with no more than 6 seated and six feet apart from each table)
v. Gyms
vi. Libraries
vii. Places of worship can reopen for in-person meetings or worship if they leave every other row or pew open, excluding children’s nursery areas, and provide hand sanitizer stations and masks if available

- Individual Guidance:
  i. Continue following safer-at-home for those over 65 or part of a vulnerable population
  ii. Continue to maintain physical distancing from others when in public
  iii. Avoid socializing in groups or facilities that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing

- Employer Guidance:
  i. Create plans to allow employees to return to work in phases
  ii. Close common areas or enforce physical distancing protocols
  iii. Honor requests of personnel who are members of a vulnerable population for special accommodations
  iv. Visits to senior living facilities are prohibited

b) Phase 2 - May 15, 2020:

- The following businesses/facilities can reopen and must adhere to sanitation and physical distancing protocols and CDC-recommended guidelines from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce:
  i. Bars
  ii. Wedding and funerals may be held with physical distancing and other preventative measures in place
  iii. Children’s nursery areas in places of worship
  iv. Park pavilion rentals
  v. Restrooms at City-owned park facilities
  vi. City-owned sports fields and facilities
  vii. Organized sports/camps
  viii. Garage Sales

- Individual Guidance:
  i. Continue following safer-at-home for those over 65 or part of a vulnerable population
  ii. Continue to maintain physical distancing from others when in public
  iii. Avoid socializing in groups or facilities that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing

- Employer Guidance:
  i. Close common areas or enforce physical distancing protocols
  ii. Honor requests of personnel who are members of a vulnerable population for special accommodations
iii. Visits to senior living facilities are prohibited

c) Phase 3 – June 1, 2020:
   • Individual Guidance:
     i. Continue following safer-at-home for those over 65 or part of a vulnerable population
     ii. Continue to maintain physical distancing from others when in public
     iii. Avoid socializing in groups or facilities that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing
   • Employer Guidance:
     i. Can resume unrestricted staffing of worksites
     ii. Visits to senior living facilities should still be prohibited

d) City of Choctaw’s Administrative, Public Works and Public Safety facilities can reopen on May 4, 2020 and must adhere to sanitation and physical distancing protocols and CDC-recommended guidelines from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce

e) Traffic and Juvenile Court can reopen on May 18, 2020 and must adhere to sanitation and physical distancing protocols and CDC-recommended guidelines from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce

f) Meetings of all City of Choctaw boards, commissions and committees will remain open to the public, but Zoom meetings will be utilized for the duration of the emergency while continuing to adhere to sanitation and physical distancing protocols and CDC-recommended guidelines from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce

g) Special event permits for gatherings, meetings and events shall not be issued until the expiration of the emergency declaration

h) Utility cut-off for non-payment is hereby suspended for the duration of the emergency. Customers unable to make timely payment should make contact with the City Utility Department to set up a payment arrangement on their account

i) Utilities, Court, Licenses and Permit payments can be paid by mail, phone, on-line or placed in the drop box outside City Hall for the duration of the emergency

j) The City Manager and/or designee shall be authorized to make emergency purchases of goods and services and enter into contracts as deemed necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to protect public or private property from further harm or damage for the duration of the emergency

PROCLAIMED THIS 29th Day of April, 2020.

ATTEST: 

[Signature]

Amanda Valint, City Clerk

Randy Ross, Mayor

Approved as to form and legality this 29th day of April, 2020.

[Signature]

Ray Vincent, City Attorney