



DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

TO ALL RESIDENTS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE CITY OF HOLTS SUMMIT, MISSOURI AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF HOLTS SUMMIT.

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19, as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the WHO Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the WHO declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) is closely monitoring the growing number of COVID-19 cases that have spread into the United States; and

WHEREAS, the continued spread of COVID-19 constitutes a natural calamity and presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Missouri declared a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 14 of the City Code authorizes the Mayor to exercise certain exceptional powers due to an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation of a state of emergency provides the City of Holts Summit the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, and promote the health and safety of Holts Summit residents; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Holts Summit wish to employ all means available under the law to protect public life, health, safety and property to limit the development, contraction and spread of COVID-19 creating this emergency; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Chapter 14 of the City Code, I, Landon Oxley, Mayor, hereby declare an Emergency and authorize all city officials and employees to carry out the provisions of the City Code relating to such emergency.

I further assume the powers authorized in Chapter 14 and Chapter 2 Article 5 of the City Code, including but not limited to:

1. The power to use employees of the city to assist in the preservation of life, limb, and property;
2. The power to close streets and sidewalks to the use of the public;
3. The power to impose emergency curfew regulations;
4. The power to close business establishments;
5. The power to close any city-owned buildings and other facilities to the use of the general public;
6. The power to reassign all administrative and executive employees doing non-administrative work as non-administrative or non-exempt employees during the declared disaster
7. Expend funds, make contracts, obtain, and distribute equipment, materials, and supplies for emergency preparedness purposes; provide for the health and safety of persons, including emergency assistance to victims of an enemy attack; the safety of property; and direct and coordinate the development of disaster plans and programs in accordance with the policies and plans of the federal and state disaster and emergency planning agencies;
8. Appoint, provide, or remove rescue teams, auxiliary fire and police personnel, and other emergency operations teams, units, or personnel who may serve without compensation;
9. In the event of enemy attack, waive the provisions of statutes requiring advertisement for bids for the performance of public work or entering into contracts;
10. With the approval of the state governor and consistent with the state disaster operations plan, enter into mutual-aid agreements with other public and private agencies within and without the state for reciprocal emergency aid; and
11. Accept services, materials, equipment, supplies, or funds granted or loaned by the federal government for disaster planning and operation purposes

I FURTHER DECLARE THAT costs incurred by the City in preparation of this imminent emergency prior to the effectiveness of this declaration may be governed by the powers exercised herein and related provisions of the City Code, including Chapter 14 and Chapter 2, and the laws of this state, to the fullest extent allowed under law.

I, THE MAYOR, FURTHER DECLARE that a state of disaster exists in the City of Holts Summit and request the assistance of County, State, and Federal authorities and authorize the City Administrator and the Chief of Police, or their duly-appointed designees, to request assistance from and provide assistance to other local jurisdictions and political subdivisions, as they deem appropriate and necessary, to the extent such authorization is required under law.

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS DECLARATION shall be in effect immediately and remain in effect until removed by myself, the City Council, or by operation of ordinance.

I FURTHER CALL UPON AND DIRECT THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF HOLTS SUMMIT to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials in executing emergency operations plans and to comply with the lawful directives of properly authorized and identified public officials.

WITNESS OUR HANDS this 17th day of March 2020.

Mayor Landon Oxley

ATTEST:

City Clerk Rachel Anderson