

**PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, in December 2019, medical professionals detected a novel coronavirus, now designated as "SARS-CoV-2," which causes a disease known as "coronavirus disease 2019" abbreviated and popularly known as "COVID-19"; and

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

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

WHEREAS, on March 13, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is spread person to person through direct or close proximate contact and presents an imminent threat of widespread illness and a threat to public health; and

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control has confirmed at least 3,244 cases of COVID-19, including 61 deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, three people have tested positive for COVID-19 in Greene County; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with City, County, and state officials, it is my judgment that there reasonably appears to exist a state of civil emergency which requires a response by the City to protect human life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEN MCCLURE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND ORDER, that:

Section 1 – A local state of civil emergency is hereby declared pursuant to Springfield City Code Section 78-132.

Section 2 – Pursuant to Springfield City Code Section 78-133, this proclamation is effective immediately and shall continue for a period of 30 days unless renewed or withdrawn.

  
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Mayor

Attest: Auton G. Catter, City Clerk

Filed: March 16, 2020