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**Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency Arising from the Imminent Threat of the spread of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, Chapter 7, Section 7.2, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri grants the City Manager the authority to declare an emergency whenever a disaster is imminent or actually occurs with the city, and the safety and welfare of the inhabitants is jeopardized; and,

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

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Michael L. Parson declared a State of Emergency for the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Johnson County Commissioners declared a State of Emergency for Johnson County, Missouri; 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, the proclamation of a state of emergency provides the City the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, and promote the health and safety of Warrensburg residents; and



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

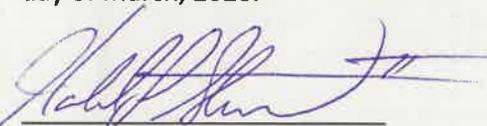
IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED:

That a State of Emergency exists in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and lasting until 4:59 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 because of the threat of the spread of COVID-19.

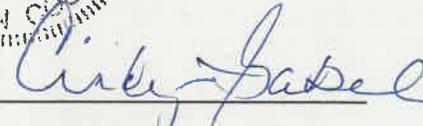
IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED:

1. That all time limits imposed by City Code or applicable law, either actions required to be taken by the City or filed with the City, are tolled pending the lifting of the emergency and resumption of normal operations. This does not apply to State law deadlines.
2. Applications for zoning, plats, and variances will not be accepted by the City until the emergency is lifted.
3. Fingerprinting services provided by the Police Department are suspended until the emergency is lifted.
4. Interactions between the general public and City Staff will be limited to phone or email contact where possible for the protection of both the public and the staff.
5. Purchases of emergency supplies and materials will be done in accordance with emergency purchase procedures.

HEREBY DECLARED by Harold L. Stewart II, City Manager of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
Harold Stewart, II  
City Manager

Attest:

  
Cindy Gabel

City Clerk



