

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-7 DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared COVID-19 (Coronavirus) to be a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared an infectious disease national emergency declaration to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, there have been seven confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the State of Oklahoma and confirmed cases in Tulsa County; 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 Bixby residents and non-residents alike; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIXBY OKLAHOMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: A state of emergency exists within the corporate limits of the City of Bixby, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.

SECTION TWO: This resolution shall become effective 12:01 AM, March 19, 2020.

SECTION THREE: The following City of Bixby facilities will remain open for individual access, however all public and private gatherings exceeding 25 persons, meetings and events are hereby postponed and/or cancelled and no permits for gatherings, meetings and events at said locations shall be issued until the expiration of this emergency declaration:

All City of Bixby Parks

SECTION FOUR: The City Manager shall revoke any pending permit and not issue any new permit for any public or private event, exceeding 25 persons, on any City street, sidewalk, facility, park, or property until the expiration of this emergency declaration.

SECTION FIVE: Meetings of all City of Bixby authorities, boards, commissions, committees, and trusts are hereby postponed and/or cancelled until the expiration of this emergency declaration. All Meetings of the Bixby City Council, Bixby Public Works Authority, Planning Commission, and Board of Adjustment are exempt from this cancellation requirement. These meetings will remain open to the public but steps will be taken to ensure no close contact between attendees. City Council meetings will continue to be televised.

SECTION SIX: All Bixby Municipal Court dockets are cancelled. Cases scheduled for arraignment, hearing, and trial will be rescheduled. This includes all juvenile dockets. The Municipal Judge shall issue an order rescheduling cases and the Municipal Court Clerk shall issue written notification of new court dates.

SECTION SEVEN: All in-person gatherings for social, spiritual and recreational purposes, including, but not limited to community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events; parades, concerts, festivals, conventions, fundraisers and similar activities are strongly discouraged until the expiration of this emergency declaration.

SECTION EIGHT: Restaurants, bars and other privately owned gathering places are highly encouraged to limit the number of patrons such that at least six (6) feet of space is available to each patron. Such facilities are further encouraged to transition to "take-out" or "delivery" options.

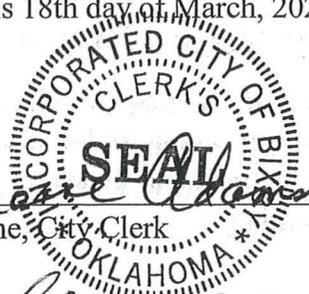
SECTION NINE: Local gyms and exercise facilities are encouraged to discontinue all group activities and to significantly increase and enhance facility cleaning regiments.

SECTION TEN: This state of emergency shall continue until 12:01 AM on the 27 day of April, 2020, or terminate earlier by further action of the Bixby City Council.

APPROVED

CITY OF BIXBY, OKLAHOMA

On this 18th day of March, 2020.

The seal of the City of Bixby, Oklahoma, is circular with a double-line border. The outer ring contains the text "INCORPORATED CITY OF BIXBY" at the top and "OKLAHOMA" at the bottom, separated by a star. The inner ring contains the text "CLERK'S SEAL".
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yvonne Adams", is written over the seal.
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen L. Oakley", is written below the seal.
Yvonne, City Clerk
Stephen L. Oakley, City Attorney

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Guthrie", is written above a horizontal line.
Brian Guthrie, Mayor, City of Bixby