

ORDINANCE NO. 4546

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION IN THE CITY OF ROLLA AND ENCOURAGING THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ROLLA TO IMPLEMENT THE MITIGATION STRATEGIES LAID OUT BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH.

WHEREAS: In December 2019, a new coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People’s Republic of China, causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) that has now spread globally and into the United States; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 is spread between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) or through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes and as such presents an imminent threat of widespread illness and a threat to public health and welfare; and

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

WHEREAS: on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared the outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

WHEREAS: on March 13, 2020 Governor of the State of Missouri, Mike Parson, signed Executive Order 20-02 declaring a State of Emergency in Missouri in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: On March 19, 2020 the Phelps County Commission declared a state of emergency, finding that proactive and extraordinary measures are necessary to prevent community spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 has spread rapidly amongst the population of the United State with 358 reported cases in the State of Missouri as of 4:00 p.m. March 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS: the inevitability exists that COVID-19 will spread into Phelps County and affect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Rolla, Missouri; and

WHEREAS: the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institute of Health have both released guidelines and strategies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: the City Council “may make regulations and pass ordinances for the prevention of the introduction of contagious diseases in the city, and for the abatement of the same, and may make quarantine laws and enforce the same within five miles of the city” under Section 78.380 of the Missouri Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS: the City Council therefore desire to encourage the citizens of Rolla to follow the mitigation strategies laid out by the Centers for Disease Control, the National Institute of Health, the MO Department of Health and Senior Services, and the Phelps County Health Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: A State of emergency exists in the City of Rolla and lasting for ninety (90) days at which time the Council may extend this Ordinance as necessary.

Section 2: By declaring said emergency the City Council may conduct emergency public meetings with as much public notice as feasible to allow for the full participation of council members and the public via telephone, facsimile, internet or any other voice or electronic means.

Section 3: The Mayor shall have the power to:

- a) Close any and all sections or portions of City offices; buildings or properties under the City’s control;
- b) Suspend any and all meetings or hearings of any board, commission, or other meetings at the City;

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- c) Call special meetings of the City in the most efficient and practical means available by audio, video or other electronic means provided public notice is given and public access is provided.
- d) Waive administrative and budgeting requirements that impede the delivery of essential city services;
- e) Authorize any actions necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including quarantine subject to timely notification to the City Council;
- f) Impose curfews and to close any business that poses an unnecessary health risk.

Section 4: The City Administrator as Personnel Officer shall have the authority to implement all reasonable means to ensure the timely delivery of essential services including the authority to approve modified work schedules, shifts, overtime, furloughs and other actions to support and maintain a healthy and productive workplace.

Section 5: The City Council of the City of Rolla, Missouri hereby adopts the mitigation strategies laid out by the centers for disease control, attached hereto as Exhibit "1", and the Council authorizes the City to actively disseminate and educate on these strategies on behalf of the City of Rolla to the general public, to local business community and any other member of the community impacted by COVID-19.

Section 6: The City Council of the City of Rolla, Missouri further strongly recommends the general public adhere to the recommendations, attached hereto as Exhibit "2", to help mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 in the Rolla.

Section 7: The City Council further realizes that the recommendations may change as more information is learned about the transmission and mitigation of COVID-19 and authorize the City to further encourage and educate on new strategies as they become available at: <https://www.nih.gov/health-information/coronavirus> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Section 8: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the City Council.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 30th DAY of MARCH 2020.

APPROVED:


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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