

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY THROUGHOUT  
THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MANGUM, OKLAHOMA**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared COVID-19 (Coronavirus) to be a global pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America has declared an infectious disease National Emergency Declaration to combat COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 the Governor of the State of Oklahoma has declared a State of Emergency for all 77 counties in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 the County Commissioners of Greer County has declared a State of Emergency for all of Greer County, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020 the Oklahoma Department of Health has confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Greer County; and,

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2020 the Governor of the State of Oklahoma has published the Open Up and Recover Safely (OURS) Plan; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City of Mangum to follow the Governor's OURS Plan to the maximum extent possible; and,

WHEREAS, health professional and researchers have determined COVID-19 is spread by human contact and interaction; and,

WHEREAS, practicing methods such as social distancing and mask wear is believed to slow the spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 is a disaster affecting life, health, and safety of city residents and non-residents alike; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned conditions continue to constitute a threat to the safety and welfare of the City of Mangum and create an emergency situation within the meaning of Section 683.3, Oklahoma Emergency Act of 2003, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY STATE LAW, I, MARY JANE SCOTT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANGUM, OKLAHOMA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY NOW EXISTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF MANGUM, OKLAHOMA; and,

1. IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that during the State of Emergency, the Mayor, City Board of Commissioners, and the City Manager *shall* exercise those powers, functions, and duties prescribed by Oklahoma law, the City of Mangum

Charter, and all applicable ordinances, resolutions and the Greer County Emergency Operations Plan in order to minimize the effects of said emergency; and,

2. IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that effective March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, all special events may resume at the discretion of the City of Mangum Board of Commissioners. The board will approve events as long as event organizers make reasonable efforts to ensure the safety of attendees. Further, the restriction on renting city owned facilities for any and all events with 10 or more participants is hereby lifted; and,
3. IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that all Mangum citizens *should* take extra measures to Social Distance from others (at least 6 feet), and *should* avail themselves of the resources and information through the Greer County Health Department, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).
4. IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that effective April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the City Manager is directed to resume normal utility billing policies, reimposing late charges, cut-offs and service fees for utility payments. All utility customers with outstanding bills are to contact Mangum Utility Customer Service (580)782-2250 in order to make arrangements on their outstanding bill. The City Manager and City Clerk are directed to use discretion on repayment of utility bills, authorizing up to 1 year for repayment to those of the most extreme need; and,
5. IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that effective immediately, all long-term care (nursing) facilities *shall* prohibit all visitation of such facilities, except as specifically authorized by the Oklahoma State Governor's Executive orders. Hospitals, clinics, child-care, and dental facilities are encouraged to establish controls for visitation to their perspective facilities as they see fit; and,
6. IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that effective immediately through the end of the declared emergency, those that are 65+ or part of the vulnerable population are encouraged to follow "safer-at-home" guidelines to the maximum extent possible.
7. IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that effective immediately, all businesses operating within the limits of the City of Mangum, Oklahoma, are to operate in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration and the OURS Plan as provided on the Oklahoma Department of Commerce Website.

Guidance for the OURS Plan including specific State requirements may be found at: <https://www.okcommerce.gov/covid19/ours-plan/>

8. IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that effective immediately through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the wear masks or face covering is mandated for use by all citizens or those visiting the City of Mangum. The wear of masks is required when entering any business that is open to the public and when in close proximity (within 6 feet) of another person while outside. This may be a commercially available mask or face covering or homemade mask or face covering made from any material that will limit bodily fluid while talking, sneezing, or coughing. The face mask must cover the mouth and nose

of the wearer. Examples of acceptable homemade face coverings are: a scarf, bandana, or T-Shirt wrapped around the head, covering the nose and mouth, and tied in such a manner that does not fall off the face with any ease.

9. IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that effective immediately, in accordance with the statewide OURS Plan, places of worship can reopen for in-person meetings or worship. It is at the discretion of religious leaders to determine when and if social distancing measures should be applied. Religious leaders and event organizers should use their best judgement, taking into account factors such as location and size of venue when determining the appropriate levels of social distancing and group size. Religious leaders are responsible for ensuring that all provisions and guidelines from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce (OURS Plan) are adhered to. All attendees to a place of worship *should* continue to wear a mask or face covering for their own protection and religious leaders *should* consider making it a priority for the safety, health and welfare of their members and staff.

The specific guidelines for the OURS Plan implementation as well as provisions imposed by this declaration may be changed immediately should conditions require more restrictions. This could include, but not limited to, a surge in cases of the COVID-19 virus or failure to comply with the provisions outlined across multiple industries.

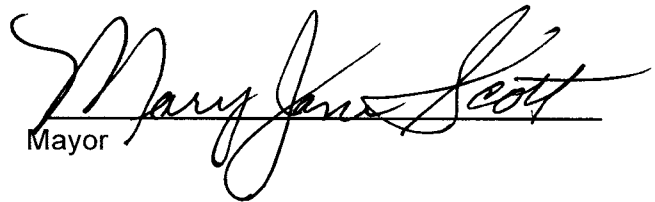
THIS DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY replaces, in whole, the previously issued Declarations of Emergency dated March 23, 2020 and its amendments dated March 31, April 6, April 7, April 14, April 29, May 13, May 15, June 5<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup>, October 19<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, January 13<sup>th</sup>, and February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

THIS DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY shall continue in effect until such time it is terminated or amended by issuance of a subsequent declaration.

PROCLAIMED THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH 2021.



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Mayor

  
City Clerk