

SECOND 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, on March 16, 2020, after consultation with City, County, and state officials, it was my judgment that there reasonably appears to exist a state of civil emergency which requires a response by the City to protect human life, and I, therefore, declared a local state of civil emergency; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the United States and more than 30,000 cases have been identified in the United States, and all evidence suggests that number will continue to increase in the near future; and

WHEREAS, as of March 24, 2020, eighteen people have tested positive for COVID-19 in Greene County and three have died; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with City, County, and state officials, it is my judgment that there continues to reasonably appear 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Section 1 – The Proclamation of Civil Emergency dated March 16, 2020, is hereby repealed effective 12:01 a.m. on March 26, 2020, and this Second Proclamation of Civil Emergency is hereby enacted as described herein. A local state of civil emergency continues to be declared pursuant to Springfield City Code Section 78-132.

Section 2 – The exercise of certain powers granted to me in Section 78-132 appears reasonably necessary due to the local state of civil emergency, and I hereby impose the orders described in “Exhibit A,” which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 3 – During the time this Proclamation of Civil Emergency is in effect and any renewals thereof, I hereby delegate to the City Manager and his delegees the authority to determine whether any personal or business activity is permitted or prohibited under this Proclamation.

Section 4 – My Order of March 17, 2020, is hereby repealed effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 26, 2020, and the public gatherings prohibited by Special Ordinance 27293 are hereby amended to any public gathering of 10 or more persons except daycare facilities and the daily operations of Essential Businesses as defined in “Exhibit A” effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 26, 2020.

Section 5 – Pursuant to Springfield City Code Section 78-133, this proclamation is effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 26, 2020, and shall continue for a period of 30 days unless renewed or withdrawn.

Mayor

Attest: _____, City Clerk

Filed: _____