



**PROCLAMATION
BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PEORIA
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED in me, I, Cathy Carlat, as Mayor of the City of Peoria, do hereby proclaim a state of local emergency as follows:

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 7 of the Peoria City Charter, Section 10 of the Peoria City Code and the 2015 Council approved City of Peoria Emergency Operations Plan, empower the Mayor to declare an emergency by proclamation during times of great public danger and local emergency; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 26-311, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Peoria has the authority to determine that a local emergency exists within the City limits of the City of Peoria due to natural or man-made calamity or disaster or by reason of threats which endanger life or property within the City of Peoria; and

WHEREAS, the City is actively monitoring the situation at hand, working closely with the State, County, schools, businesses and non-profits located within the City to ensure that the City is staying connected and informed, and understands the sensitivity of this situation and that the declaration of the existence of an emergency is necessary under these circumstances; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency followed by a declaration of pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Honorable Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, declared the COVID-19 outbreak a state of national emergency that began March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Honorable Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, announced the temporary closure of all schools in Arizona due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Chairman Clint Hickman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, signed a Proclamation of Local Emergency in Maricopa County to assist the County with coordinating response measures during the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, while the City of Peoria has actively planned and implemented measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of the local emergency, receive available aid, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people and property located in the City of Peoria; and



WHEREAS, the City intends to continue to take actions to protect the public health and safety during this local, state, and national public health emergency and continue essential operations of the City while adopting further measures to protect and ensure the health and safety of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cathy Carlat, Mayor of the City of Peoria, acting under the power vested in me pursuant to the Peoria City Charter, Article II, Section 7; Title 26, Chapter 2 of the Arizona Revised Statutes and specifically A.R.S. § 26-311, do hereby declare an emergency exists due to the threat of a COVID-19 outbreak into the City of Peoria community; that the City of Peoria is, or will be, entitled to aid, relief, and assistance; and to the extent necessary for emergency functions pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-307, A.R.S. § 26-311 and the Peoria City Charter, to make, amend and temporarily rescind the City of Peoria rules, regulations and ordinances, and that during the existence of said emergency, the Mayor shall govern by proclamation and have the authority to impose all necessary regulations and measures to preserve the peace and order of the City upon the filing with the City Clerk of such signed proclamations, orders, rules and regulations as are necessary and consistent with law; and do hereby direct the implementation of the City Emergency Operations Plan; and

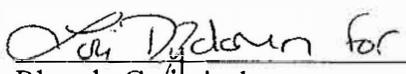
FURTHER, I direct the City Manager of the City of Peoria, or his designee, to coordinate activities of the City Emergency Operations Plan, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate and mitigate the effects of a possible COVID-19 outbreak within the City of Peoria, and to take any and all action, including such lawful actions necessary to respond to this emergency.

THIS PROCLAMATION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL AMENDED OR TERMINATED BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR.

Date: 3-19-2020

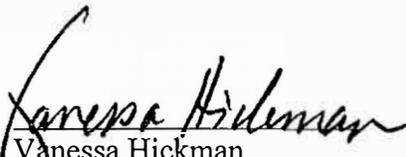

Cathy Carlat
Mayor

ATTEST:


Rhonda Gefiminsky
City Clerk



Approved as to form:


Vanessa Hickman
City Attorney