



RESOLUTION NO. 2020-013 (AMENDED OCTOBER 21, 2020)

DECLARATION OF HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF ANTHONY, NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) officially declared a global pandemic of COVID-19 (Coronavirus); and

WHEREAS, the Governor of New Mexico declared a State of Emergency to contain and combat the virus; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Health Secretary issued a public health order suspending mass gatherings in order to prevent the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States officially declared a COVID-19 national state of health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the CDC advised local governments to take immediate action to limit the spread of the virus through social distancing, and cancellation of public gatherings and events, as well as implement additional public health safety and education measures to prevent, contain and mitigate the impact of the virus; and

WHEREAS, cases of the virus in New Mexico and Dona Ana County are confirmed and increasing; and

WHEREAS, national and state health experts now believe that the spread of the virus throughout the country appears to be inevitable at this point; and

WHEREAS, the City complied with the state requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for the posting and notification of a Board of Trustees meeting during a declared state of emergency.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ELECTED BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF ANTHONY, THAT:

1. City employees shall limit operations to remote work to the greatest extent possible. They shall maintain CDC guidelines at all times.
2. All City public events, trainings and meetings and any planned to be held in or on City property are hereby cancelled or held remotely until further notice.
3. The Mayor and City Manager are required collectively to authorize and to enter into any JPA's MOU's, shared services agreements, contracts as may be necessary to provide for the continued operation of services in a time of depleted staff or increased need due to this state of emergency with other governmental, quasi-governmental or private entities and may similarly assist other governmental entities, utilities, health services and entities engaged in the delivery of essential services to the community necessary for the continued public health, welfare and safety of the community.
4. The Mayor and City Manager are required collectively to authorize to expend resources in response to the state of emergency and to apply for state and federal assistance related to it.
5. City Manager working with City staff and the Mayor is authorized to establish an emergency account and to fund said account up to \$400,000 for expenditures that may result from or be needed to address the health emergency, including: overtime, contract labor, electronic equipment and telecommunications services, etc. as may be necessary for remote and work at home arrangements, preventative/safety equipment and supplies such as antiseptic, masks, gloves, etc., and such equipment or provisions as may be needed to assist staff, the public and the indigent in a time of shortage or mandated isolation, including, food, water, medicine, etc.
6. This body authorizes such other emergency measures as outlined by order, direction or advisement of the federal or state government, or any interagency mutual aid and emergency cooperation agreements.

7. This body authorizes implementation of electronic mechanisms to conduct City business, including telephonic staff and board meetings. Board of Trustee meetings shall be advertised, as specified in Resolution 2020-001 Open minutes Act.
8. The City Clerk shall provide to the required offices notice of this meeting, the actions of the Governing Body, and make available said notice and actions to the public upon request.
9. The City will follow all New Mexico State Governor's public health orders.
10. In accordance with CDC recommendation the City is not allowing High-risk Halloween activities which includes:
 - a) Door-to-door trick-or-treating
 - b) Trunk-or-treat events with treats handed out to large groups from trunks of cars
 - c) Indoor costume parties
 - d) Indoor haunted houses
 - e) Going to a fall festival outside your community
11. The City governing board is encouraging the public to use face coverings in accordance with recommended practices contained within the existing New Mexico Public Health Orders and CDC guidelines when in or accessing retail and commercial businesses.

12. That for this Resolution, the following definitions of the identified terms are:

- **Mask / face covering:**

Face Covering means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face. A Face Covering may be factory-made, or may be handmade and improvised from ordinary household materials. The Face Covering should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face, include multiple layers of fabric, allow for breathing without restriction, and be able to be laundered and machine-dried without damage or change to shape. Face Coverings need to cover the nose and mouth at all times and should remain in place until take off safely. If a worker's Face Covering moves during work, it needs to be replaced with one that does not need to be frequently adjusted to reduce touching of the face. Face Coverings should be replaced when it becomes dirty, wet, and/or difficult to breathe through.

Note that any mask that incorporates a one-way valve (typically a raised plastic cylinder about the size of a quarter on the front or side of the mask) that is designed to facilitate easy exhaling is NOT a Face Covering under this Order and is NOT to be used to comply with this resolution requirements. Valves of that type permit droplet release from the mask, putting others nearby at risk.

- **Retail or Commercial Businesses**

Business will be in compliance with the New Mexico State Governor directive enforcement of mask/face covering requirements by State and Local enforcement. City Staff to mail governors directive letter to all City licensed businesses.

A retail or commercial business is an entity that distributes goods or provides services to the public and includes, but is not limited to, restaurants, offices, grocery stores and markets, hotels, tour operations, veterinarians, automobile dealerships and services, medical providers, salons, spas, tattoo parlors, gyms etc.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.




Diana Murillo-Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST:


Esther Motongo, City Clerk
{SEAL}

City of Anthony Governing Body

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro Tem, Fernie Herrera

YES NO



Trustee Gloria Gameros

YES NO



Trustee Elva Flores

YES NO



Trustee Javier Silva

YES NO

