



RESOLUTION NO. 2020-013

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. Consistent with the declarations of the WHO, federal and New Mexico governments, a Declaration of a Health Emergency is hereby established for and in the City of Anthony, NM.
2. Said declaration shall invoke financial, planning, police powers and other additional resources available to the City during a state of emergency.
3. On March 24, 2020 this body authorized the City Manager to implement such emergency measures as may be appropriate to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare of both our residents and visitors.
4. This body authorizes a temporary increase of the City Manager's signing authority up to \$50,000 per contract to be presented at the next monthly Board meeting, for ratification.
5. 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*.
6. All City public events, trainings and meetings and any planned to be held in or on City property are hereby cancelled until further notice. This prohibition will be reviewed every 30 days.
7. All out-of-state travel for City business is hereby cancelled. The status of this prohibition will be reviewed every 30 days and any requests for exceptions in the interest of public health, welfare and safety will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the City Manager.

8. All non-essential programs of the City that involve significant interaction with individuals or groups from outside the state or region that might lead to an increased threat of exposure to the virus to residents or staff shall be cancelled, with no exceptions. This prohibition will be reviewed every 30 days.
9. All non-essential facilities of the City that involve significant interaction with individuals or groups from outside the state or region that might lead to an increased threat of exposure to the virus to residents or staff, shall be cancelled. Requests for exceptions in the interest of public health, welfare and safety will be reviewed by the City Manager. This prohibition will be reviewed every 30 days.
10. The Mayor and City Manager are authorized 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL OF 2020.



Diana Murillo-Trujillo
 Diana Murillo-Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Esther Motongo

Esther Motongo, City Clerk

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

Fernie Herrera

Gloria Gameros

Elva Flores

Javier Silva