

RESOLUTION 20-490

**A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF OROFINO, IDAHO
DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK.**

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the Governor of the state of Idaho along with the Clearwater County Commissioners have declared a health emergency related to the threat of Covid-19, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code § 46-1011 the Mayor of the City of Orofino has declared a local disaster emergency on the 23rd day March, 2020 due to the threat of Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, said declaration sets forth legal and factual considerations in support of such declaration, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Orofino recognizes the imminent threat of widespread and severe harm to the health of residents and visitors to the City of Orofino as addressed by the Centers for Disease Control and by actions of the Governor of the State of Idaho, and

WHEREAS, such declaration activates the response and recovery aspects of applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans for the furnishing of aid and assistance; and

WHEREAS, the emergency referenced herein exists because the contagious nature and potentially serious consequences of the COVID-19 virus for residents and visitors to the City of Orofino and requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect life, health and property; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 67-2808 authorizes the Council of the City of Orofino to declare an emergency and that the public interest and necessity may demand the immediate expenditure of public money without compliance with formal bidding procedures; and

WHEREAS, an emergency declaration must be filed with the county recorder's office and "given prompt and general publicity."

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Orofino does hereby declare:

That a Local Disaster Emergency exists and that all efforts will be made to protect the citizens and property of the City of Orofino through activation of all local disaster emergency plans and state emergency assistance; and

That this Local Disaster Emergency shall continue until the Centers for Disease Control and the Governor of the State of Idaho sound an end to the emergency and the City Council expressly authorizes the discontinuance of such Declaration; and

Pursuant to this Resolution the following steps are expressly authorized in furtherance of the foregoing disaster emergency declaration:

Immediate Closure of all City Parks – All city and public parks shall immediately be closed to all citizens, organizations and scheduled events until further notice by the Mayor and City Council.

City Recommends Businesses to follow Center for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines – The Mayor and City Council is recommending that all local businesses and entrepreneurs follow the recommendations of the CDC and the State of Idaho governing agencies, including the Office of the Governor, when providing services to their patrons. This is especially true where people tend to congregate for socialization and relaxation such as night clubs, taverns, bars, lounges and restaurants throughout the community of Orofino.

Essential Businesses to Use their Best Judgement – Essential businesses such as grocery stores, pharmacies, hospitals, clinics and gas stations need to use the recommended guidelines from the CDC.

Closure of City Hall for Payments of City Services – City Hall will be closed effective immediately to all individuals from the public. Individuals wishing to make a payment for city services can utilize to outside payment box or call City Hall for a credit card payment.

Future Public Meetings – All future meetings scheduled with the City of Orofino such as City Council meetings and Planning and Zoning meetings are still on schedule but the city will be following CDC's recommendations. Telecommunications conferences are being planned as a contingency.

All Essential Services are to be Maintained - All essential city services such as Fire, Police, water, sewer and sanitation services will remain open.

Authorizing the Mayor, in consultation with the Council President, to establish other administrative policies necessary to protect the public health and safety.

That this Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency ("Declaration") shall be promptly filed with the Clearwater County Recorder's Office; and

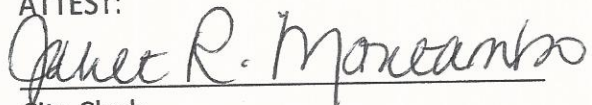
That prompt and general publicity shall be given by a press release notifying the public of this Declaration.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Orofino this 23rd day of March, 2020.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk