



"Inspiring a Vibrant Community"

**CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, I, Tim Elinski, Mayor of the City of Cottonwood, Arizona do hereby proclaim a state of local emergency as follows:

WHEREAS, Arizona Revised Statutes Section 26-311 and Section 2.04.030(F) of the Cottonwood City Code authorize the Mayor to acknowledge and proclaim the existence of a local emergency for reasons that include the actual or imminent spread of pandemic disease that endangers the health and lives of the members of the community, and to issue orders to protect the public in such circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the disease now known as COVID-19 is a highly infectious and transmissible disease with a mortality rate several to many times greater than the seasonal flu, and for which there is no effective vaccine or treatment;

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a public health emergency due to the rapid spread of COVID-19, followed by its designation as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the President of the United States declared a state of national emergency due to COVID-19 retroactive to March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of March 20, 2020, there are more than 15,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, more than 200 of which have resulted in death; and

WHEREAS, also as of March 20, 2020, there are at least 63 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Arizona, including at least 1 in Yavapai County; and

WHEREAS, City officials are working closely with other local, county, regional and state officials and agencies to coordinate and mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the community - including but not limited to the establishment and regular convening of a Community Task Force dedicated to addressing the needs of the members of our community who are most susceptible and vulnerable to COVID-19 and its immediate, intermediate and long-term health and economic impacts;

WHEREAS, prudence requires that proactive, precautionary measures be taken due to the widespread nature of COVID-19 and the serious threat it poses to the public health, safety, and welfare as referenced in the Governor's emergency declaration; and

WHEREAS, the widespread nature of COVID-19 constitutes a real, serious and immediate threat to the lives, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Cottonwood.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tim Elinski, Mayor of the City of Cottonwood, acting under the powers vested in me under Arizona Revised Statutes Section 26-311 and Section 2.04.030(F) of the Cottonwood City Code do hereby declare that a public health emergency exists due to the strong likelihood of an imminent COVID-19 outbreak in the City of Cottonwood; that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the City shall be those prescribed by state law or by ordinances or resolutions of the City of Cottonwood; and that the Mayor may govern by Proclamation and impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the City and its residents.

FURTHERMORE, pursuant to the above-described declaration and authority, the Mayor specifically orders that effective close of business on March 20, 2020 and continuing until further notice, that:

1. All City facilities will be closed to the public. City staff will work modified schedules with work-from-home performed as deemed appropriate and practicable by the City Manager.
2. All events and activities within the City of Cottonwood which would involve the gathering of 10 or more people are hereby suspended; and any City licenses, permits and approvals for any such scheduled events and activities are hereby revoked.
3. All restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, retail food facilities, and other similar businesses and establishments are prohibited from serving food and beverages for consumption on premises.

Members of the public are prohibited from entering said premises and remaining on-site to consume food and/or beverages.

Businesses and establishments subject to this section that offer on-site dining may continue to offer food and beverages using pick-up, delivery, and drive-through operations, using all due care to mitigate the potential transmission of COVID-19, including social distancing. In offering food or beverages, a business or establishment subject to this section that does not have the ability to offer window, drive-through, or drive-up service may permit members of the public onto its premises for the purpose of picking up their food or beverage orders.

4. The following businesses and establishments are hereby closed to use and occupancy by members of the public:
 - a. Bars, taverns, brewpubs, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, special licensees, clubs, and other similar businesses and establishments offering alcoholic beverages of spiritous liquor for consumption on-premises.
 - b. Theaters, cinemas, and indoor and outdoor performance venues.
 - c. Museums.
 - d. Gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, indoor exercise facilities, exercise studios, yoga and barre studios, and other similar facilities.
 - e. Bingo halls, bowling alleys, indoor climbing or jumping/bouncing facilities, skating rinks, and other similar recreational or entertainment facilities.

This section does not prohibit a proprietor, employee, contractor, vendor, or supplier of a local business from entering, using, or occupying that place of business.

5. The restrictions imposed by this Proclamation do not apply to any of the following:

- a. Grocery stores, markets, convenience stores, and other similar businesses and establishments that offer food and beverage that is not for on-premises consumption;
 - b. Food trucks;
 - c. Pharmacies and drug stores;
 - d. Food banks and food pantries;
 - e. Cafeterias, commissaries, and restaurants located within health care facilities, nursing homes, shelters, group homes, places of worship, or similar facilities;
 - f. Banks and financial institutions;
 - g. Other establishments not listed in the Section 3.
6. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Section 26-317, a person who violates any of the above prohibitions shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Any violation that is continuing in nature shall constitute a separate offense on each successive date the violation continues unless otherwise provided.
 7. In addition, I strongly urge the leaders of the City's houses of worship to limit gatherings on their premises and to observe social distancing practices.
 8. I also urge all business owners and employers to establish social distancing practices for their patrons and employees and avoid social gatherings of 10 or more people.

The City Manager, or his designees, shall take all additional and appropriate action deemed necessary to alleviate and mitigate the effects of a likely COVID-19 outbreak within the City of Cottonwood and to take any and all lawful actions necessary to respond to this emergency.

THIS PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY AND THE ORDERS INCLUDED HEREIN SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS FILING WITH THE CITY CLERK AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT AS PROVIDED ABOVE OR UNTIL A WITHDRAWAL OF THE PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY IS SIMILARLY FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK.

Issued this 20th day of March, 2020 at 1:30 PM



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Elinski", is written over a horizontal line.

Tim Elinski, Mayor