Town of Huachuca City

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

AND ORDER

COVID-19

PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-05

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE TOWN AND ITS RESIDENTS; AND RESCINDING PRIOR ORDERS WHICH HAD SUSPENDED LATE FEE ACCUMULATION FOR UTILITY AND LANDFILL ACCOUNTS, AND SERVICE DISCONNECTS FOR NON-PAYMENT.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Arizona, Douglas A. Ducey, determined that the COVID-19 outbreak presents conditions in Arizona that justified his declaration of a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump, found and proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constituted a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – in an effort to control the COVID-19 outbreak – has developed and published various guidelines that aim to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus which includes wearing face coverings, avoiding non-essential travel and gatherings, and to implement social distancing whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, I, Mayor Johann Wallace issued Proclamation 2020-01 declaring a state of emergency exists within the Town of Huachuca City; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Cochise County confirmed its first case of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020, Governor Ducey amended his Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected order; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2020, Governor Ducey issued a continuation of Executive Order 2020-43, Slowing the Spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to continue the phased re-opening of the Town as we continue to adapt to and live with this virus.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Johann R. Wallace, Mayor of the Town of Huachuca City, Arizona, by the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arizona and Town Code and by this Proclamation hereby:

- 1. direct the implementation of Governor Ducey's executive orders pertaining to restaurants and dine-in services, to ensure they implement protocols and best practices for businesses to address COVID-19 including physical distancing policies and limiting the number of diners, superseding previous guidance issued under Town Proclamations 2020-01, 2020-02 and 2020-03 pertaining to restaurants; and
- 2. order and direct the Town Manager to continue the phased re-opening of the Town's Administrative buildings, providing notice to the public via the Town's official website and social media pages, ensuring that adequate measures are taken to protect the public and Town Staff; and
- 3. respectfully request all local businesses, residents and visitors to continue to adhere to the Center for Disease Control's guidelines and Governor Ducey's Executive Orders through the implementation of social distancing, limiting the size of groups and following all other prescribed measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and
- 4. rescind paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Proclamation 2020-02, which had suspended:
 - a. late fee accumulation for all residential and business utility accounts,
 - b. late fee accumulation for all past-due landfill accounts, and
 - c. all service disconnect actions for non-payment.
- 5. previous instructions from prior proclamations remain in-effect, not altered by this Proclamation.

This Declaration and Order shall remain in full force and effect until amended or terminated by further order of the Mayor or Town Council.

ORDERED by the Mayor of the Town of Huachuca City, Cochise County, Arizona, this <u>29</u> day of October, 2020 at <u>4.00 pm</u>.

ATTEST:

Brandye Thorpe, Town Clerk

Johann R. Wallace, Mayor

Thomas Benavidez, Town Attorney