

Town of Huachuca City
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
AND ORDER
COVID-19

PROCLAMATION NO. 2021-01

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING PRECAUTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE TOWN AND ITS RESIDENTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

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, the COVID-19 infection rate in Arizona and Cochise County is on the rise, while vaccine saturation remains low; and


WHEREAS, it is necessary to roll back the phased re-opening of the Town, previously ordered, 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. Order and direct the Town Manager to roll back the phased re-opening of the Town's buildings, including the senior center, library and town hall, 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
2. Order and direct that meetings of the Town Council shall:
 - a. return to a remote meeting format, broadcasted from Town Hall; and
 - b. be conducted without calls to the public, though members of the public may submit written comments to the Town Clerk 24 hours in advance of the meeting; and
 - c. otherwise be conducted in accordance with the state's open meeting laws.
3. Continue to 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
4. 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
5. Rescind paragraphs 3 and 4 of Proclamation 2020-03, and paragraph 2 of Proclamation 2020-05, which had ordered and directed the phased reopening of the Town's buildings.
6. Previous instructions and orders from prior proclamations remain in-effect, not expressly altered by this Proclamation.

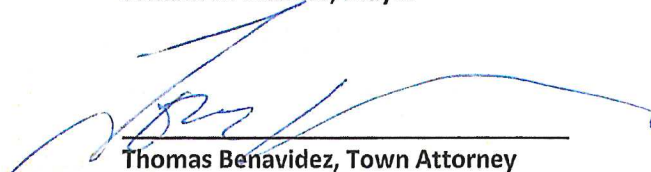
This Declaration and Order shall remain in full force and effect until amended or terminated by further order of the Mayor or Town Council.

ORDERED by the Mayor of the Town of Huachuca City, Cochise County, Arizona, this 11 day of January, 2021, at 1545.


Johann R. Wallace, Mayor

ATTEST:


Brandy Thorpe, Town Clerk


Thomas Benavidez, Town Attorney

