OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-07

REPEALING EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-02, REPLACING EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-05, AND PROCLAIMING A CIVIL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus COVID-19 disease to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency due to the COVID-19 Virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Oklahoma Attorney General announced that the Emergency Price Stabilization Act, which prohibits an increase of more than 10% for the price of goods or services after a declared emergency, is in effect statewide; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma issued Executive Order 2020-07 declaring an emergency caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this State and the public’s peace, health and safety; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, as Mayor of the City of Tulsa, I issued Executive Order 2020-01 proclaiming the existence of a civil emergency in the City of Tulsa and restricting certain events and the maximum numbers of persons that could gather to 50; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the State Board of Education ordered all accredited public schools to cease operations, effective March 17 until April 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Oklahoma Supreme Court cancelled all jury terms and suspended all civil, juvenile, and criminal cases for 30 days and on March 27, 2020, the Oklahoma Supreme Court extended the order to cancel jury terms and suspend all of the aforementioned cases until May 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, as Mayor of the City of Tulsa, I issued Executive Order 2020-02 declaring a civil emergency, calling for the closure of certain businesses, and prohibiting dine-in service at restaurants; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma amended Executive Order 2020-07 requiring vulnerable individuals to stay home except for essential errands, closing non-essential businesses in counties with confirmed cases of COVID-19, suspending certain elective and minor medical procedures, prohibiting gatherings of 10 or more individuals, and restricting visitation at nursing homes; and
WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the State Board of Education unanimously approved an order implementing a Distance Learning Plan to complete the 2019-20 school year for Oklahoma students without reopening school buildings; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, the President of the United States extended the CDC Coronavirus Guidelines for America for an additional 30 days through April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, as Mayor of the City of Tulsa, I issued Executive Order 2020-05 declaring a civil emergency, prohibiting gatherings of any size, and requiring Tulsans to stay safer at home unless obtaining essential food or medical services, exercising, or performing essential work; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, April 24, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma issued the Fourth Amended Executive Order 2020-13 to implement the Open Up and Recover Safely (OURS) Plan, a three-phased approach to open Oklahoma’s economy back up starting April 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of Thursday, April 30, 2020, the City of Tulsa has met the White House Opening Up America Again gating criteria for symptoms and hospitals, but not the criteria for cases; and

WHEREAS, it is my duty as Mayor to protect the health and safety of the City and its inhabitants, to preserve the peace, and to provide civil defense and emergency functions; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers and facilities to handle and care for the influx of new patients in order to safeguard public health and safety; and

Therefore, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tulsa, pursuant to Title 8, Tulsa Revised Ordinances, Section 200 and the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act, 63 O.S. § 683.3, I hereby proclaim the continued existence of a civil emergency in the City of Tulsa and further, it is hereby declared and ORDERED, as follows:

1. Executive Order 2020-02, issued March 17, 2020, ordering closing of certain business and commercial establishments either in-full, or with special conditions for limited operation, and other public accommodations is repealed effective May 1, 2020.

2. Executive Order No. 2020-05, dated April 1, 2020, proclaiming the existence of a civil emergency in the City of Tulsa is hereby amended and revised effective May 1, 2020, to reflect updated modeling to predict the peak impact of COVID-19 on public health and healthcare infrastructure, as encompassed hereinafter.

3. City-owned playgrounds, recreation centers, pools, splash pads, and day camps shall remain closed indefinitely.
4. City-owned golf courses, tennis courts, pickle ball courts, sports fields, and dog parks may resume operations with physical distancing and sanitation precautions in place on May 1, 2020.

5. City-owned sports complexes (including baseball, soccer, softball and volleyball), City-owned basketball courts, and organized sports activities with more than ten (10) people at City-owned facilities shall remain closed until at least May 31, 2020, when the pandemic emergency conditions will be reassessed.

6. All events or gatherings of more than ten (10) people in the City of Tulsa are hereby banned, until at least May 15, 2020, when the pandemic emergency conditions will be reassessed.

7. No special event permits, issued under the authority of Title 37 TRO Sections 1400 through 1415, shall be issued, and no such special events may be held in the City of Tulsa until at least May 15, 2020, when the pandemic emergency conditions will be reassessed.

8. All businesses within the City of Tulsa shall follow the guidance in the Governor of the State of Oklahoma’s OURS Plan. Bars in the City of Tulsa shall remain closed until May 15, 2020. On May 15, 2020, bars in the City of Tulsa may resume operations with reduced occupant capacity based on 36 square feet per person (in the assembly/bar area). Bars are required to calculate and self-post this capacity next to their current capacity sign on white 8.5” x 11” paper.
   a. For purposes of this Order, “bar” shall be defined as any location which has as its main purpose the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, notwithstanding that as an incidental service, meals or short order foods are made available therein. Determination of the “main purpose” of a location is that determined by the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission pursuant to Title 37A, Section 6-114, of the Oklahoma Statutes.
   b. Questions or needs for assistance should be directed to the Fire Marshal’s office at 918-596-9422 or firemarshal@cityoftulsa.org.

April 29, 2020
Dated this ______ day of __________, 2020.

G.T. Bynum, Mayor

ATTEST:                        APPROVED:
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City Clerk                    City Attorney