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Town of Estancia Resolution 2020-10

DECLARATION OF HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR THE TOWN OF ESTANCIA

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has officially declared there to be a global pandemic of COVID-19 (Coronavirus); and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Mexico has declared a State of Emergency in order to contain and combat the virus; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Health Secretary has issued a public health order suspending mass gatherings in New Mexico effective immediately in order to prevent the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has officially declared a state of health emergency with regards to the national COVID-19 epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has advised that local governments should take immediate action to limit the spread of the virus through social distancing, cancellation of public meetings, limiting public gatherings and events, and implementing additional public health safety and education measures to prevent, contain and, where possible, to mitigate the impact of the virus; and

WHEREAS, cases of the virus in New Mexico have been confirmed and continue to increase and cases have been confirmed in the county of Torrance and the Town of Estancia-

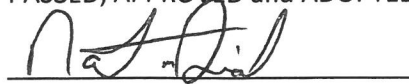
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF ESTANCIA, BY THIS RESOLUTION THAT WE THE ELECTED OFFICIALS DO HEREBY DECLARE, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That, consistent with the declarations of the WHO, the federal government, and the Governor of the State of New Mexico, a Declaration of a Health Emergency is hereby established by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Estancia.
2. That said declaration shall invoke those financial, planning, and other additional resources available to the Town through a formal declaration of a state of emergency.
3. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor to conduct such emergency measures as may be appropriate to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare of our residents, our visitors, and our employees.
4. The Board of Trustees authorizes, consistent with Town Ordinances, the implementation of electronic mechanisms for the conduct of Town business and telephonic participation by the Board of Trustees of such Board meetings and advisory boards and committees, as necessary. Such meetings shall be advertised, as required, recorded and made public on the Town website or by email, upon request, as soon as possible.
5. The Board of Trustees authorizes the creation of an Emergency Management Committee of the following: Mayor, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Public Works Superintendent, and Town Clerk.

6. The Board authorizes, consistent with the Emergency Management Committee, the orders of the NM Health Secretary and the recommendations of the WHO and CDC, the following:
 - a. That all Town public events, trainings and meetings and any events, trainings and meetings planned to be held in or on Town property are hereby cancelled until further notice, with the status to be reviewed periodically.
 - b. That all out-of-state travel or trainings for Town business are hereby cancelled, with the status of this prohibition to be reviewed periodically and any requests for exceptions for public safety or other essential services to be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Mayor.
 - c. That the Board of Trustees authorizes that the Mayor have all necessary and proper authority to implement measures to allow for flexibility of time and location of work, including offsite and telecommuting, and hours of operation for all employees during this period of emergency.
 - d. The Town's Emergency Management Team and HR Department may set such safeguards for the public and employees regarding employees that travel out of the area or that become ill as are reasonable to protect the health and safety of staff and the public, consistent with the most current public health guidelines and advisories.
 - e. That all non-essential programs of the Town that involve significant interaction with residents or groups from outside the state or region that might increase staff or local residents to an increased threat of exposure to the virus shall be cancelled, with this prohibition to be reviewed periodically, with any requests for exceptions for public health, welfare and safety to be reviewed by the Mayor and the Emergency Management Committee.
 - f. That all non-essential facilities of the Town that involve significant interaction with residents or groups from outside the state or region that might increase staff or local resident to an increased threat of exposure to the virus shall be cancelled, with this prohibition to be reviewed periodically, with any requests for exceptions for public health, welfare and safety to be reviewed by the Mayor and the Emergency Management Committee.
 - g. That the Board of Trustees authorizes that the Mayor is authorized to enter into any JPA's MOU's, shared service agreements, contracts as may be necessary to provide the continued operation of services in a time of depleted staff or increased need due to this state of emergency with other governmental, quasi-governmental or private entities and may similarly assist other governmental entities, utilities, health services and entities engaged in the delivery of essential services to the community necessary for the continued public health, welfare and safety of the community.
 - h. That the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to prepare for, expend resources in anticipation of, and to apply for such state and federal assistance as may be anticipated or allocated as related to the states of emergency.
 - i. That the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to approve such costs as may result from, or be needed to address the health emergency, including over-time, contract labor, computers, smartphones, electronic equipment and telecommunications services, etc. as may be necessary for remote and work at home arrangements, such preventative and safety equipment and supplies as antiseptic, masks, gloves, etc. and such emergency equipment or provisions as may be needed to assist staff, the public and the indigent in a time of shortage and mandated isolation, including food, water, medicine, etc.
 - j. That the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to approve such other emergency measures at the direction or advisement of the federal or state government.

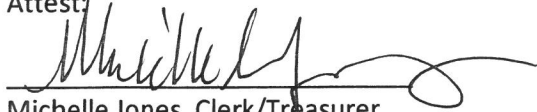
- k. Consistent with the state requirements under the Open Public Meetings Act and all other applicable regulations and statutes for both an emergency meeting and the declaration of a state of emergency by a local government, the Clerk shall provide to the required offices notice of this meeting, the actions of the governing body, and make available said notice and actions to the public upon request.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, this 27th day of April, 2020 at a Special Telephonic Board of Trustees Meeting.



Nathan Dial, Mayor

Attest:



Michelle Jones, Clerk/Treasurer