



COMMISSION ORDER

STATE OF MISSOURI }
County of Franklin } ss.

Tuesday, March 17, 2020
Order

AN ORDER DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI.

WHEREAS, County of Franklin, Missouri, is being impacted by the worldwide spread of COVID-19 which may, in time, impact the County; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the governor of the State of Missouri, have both declared States of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is likely the disease will eventually spread in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, the spread of infectious diseases poses a significant risk to the health, safety and wellbeing of the people of the County of Franklin, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, measures to limit the spread of this virus may place a strain upon the resources of citizens, businesses, municipalities, and the County of Franklin, Missouri, and

WHEREAS, the County of Franklin, Missouri may establish relationships and work cooperatively with other governmental units in matters relating to public health, safety and welfare and all other government functions in which the people of the County could gain through those cooperative relationships in this time of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission of the County of Franklin, Missouri has the authority pursuant to the provisions of state law including, but not limited to, Section 192.300 RSMo. to make and promulgate orders, rules or regulations, respectively as will tend to enhance the public health and prevent the entrance of infectious, contagious, communicable or dangerous diseases into the County of Franklin, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, after the promulgation and adoption of such orders, rules or regulations by the County Commission of the County of Franklin, Missouri the County Commission shall make and enter an order or record declaring such orders, rules or regulations to be printed and available for distribution to the public in the Office of the County Clerk, and shall require a copy of such order to be published in some newspaper in the County in three successive weeks, not later than thirty days after the entry of such order, rule or regulation; and

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, by the County Commission of the County of Franklin, Missouri that a State of Emergency exists in the County of Franklin, Missouri, and the County Commission hereby invokes and declares in full force and effect all laws, statutes and regulations of the State of Missouri and the County of Franklin, Missouri, for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of the County of Franklin, Missouri, and the continuity of local government with a minimum of interruption.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all public offices and employees of the County of Franklin, Missouri, are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives, at the Federal, State and Local Level and to cooperate to the fullest extent with the Franklin County, Missouri, Health Department.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all are also called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials, the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency as well as the Franklin County, Missouri Health Department in emergency operational plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified public officers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all employees of the County of Franklin, Missouri government are hereby ordered to immediately initiate the provisions of low-touch, low-contact services to the greatest extent possible.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Franklin County, Missouri, Municipal Court shall postpone and reschedule all dockets, hearings, trials, and other proceedings during the State of Emergency. The Judge, Municipal Prosecutor, and Clerk of the Municipal Court shall undertake such actions as are necessary and that may be appropriate in these circumstances to carry out the intent of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this State of Emergency shall be effective as of 6:00 p.m. on March 17, 2020 and remain in effect until 12:00 noon on April 17, 2020 unless otherwise rescinded or extended.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that if any part of this Commission Order is invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Order be provided to Tim Baker, County Clerk, and that a copy of this order be printed in the Missouriian for three successive weeks commencing immediately upon the adoption of this Order.

Presiding Commissioner

Commissioner of 1st District

Commissioner of 2nd District