

**CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO
PROCLAIMING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
REGARDING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019)**

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that has spread to numerous countries throughout the world, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the virus may cause serious illness or death in certain cases, particularly for elderly and persons with underlying health conditions; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a “global pandemic”, pushing the threat beyond the “global health emergency” it had announced in January; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado declared a state of emergency due to the presence of COVID-19 in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners of Chaffee County declared a Local Disaster Emergency as authorized under C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(3) to assist local governments in responding to and recovering from emergency events, including emergency epidemics and pandemics; and

WHEREAS, the Chaffee County Public Health Department anticipates that, due to the contagiousness of the illness and the fact that numerous travelers from around the world visit the County, Chaffee County will see cases of the virus and its transmission within the community; and

WHEREAS, Article XVII, Section 2-17-10 of the Salida Municipal Code authorizes the Mayor to declare a State of Emergency via proclamation when it appears that the general health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City are threatened by general public unrest or riot, or by attack upon the State; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of the COVID-19 virus on local emergency services providers and medical services is anticipated to be far in excess of the community’s available resources; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the outbreak of COVID-19 in Chaffee County and the Salida community, and in light of the ongoing risk to public health and safety, at this time it is necessary to declare a Local State of Emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, I HEREBY MAKE THE FOLLOWING DECLARATIONS:

Section 1. The presumed presence of COVID-19 in Chaffee County constitutes a Local State of Emergency, as defined in Article XVII, Section 2-17-10 of the Salida Municipal Code, not to exceed a term of ten (10) days. The City Council of the City of Salida shall consider extending this declaration at a duly-noticed meeting within ten (10) days of this declaration.

Section 2. The effect of this declaration of Local State of Emergency shall activate the City's COVID-19 Action Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A, authorizing a tiered approach to proactively respond to changes in the COVID-19 situation as well as reflect the recommendations of our Federal, State, and Local Health Departments.

Section 3. This declaration shall be made effective immediately on March 13, 2020.

DECLARED AND ADOPTED on this 13th day of March, 2020.



Erin Kelly

City Clerk

CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO

P.T. Wood

P.T. Wood, Mayor
City of Salida, Colorado