Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Tempe City Charter authorizes the declaration of an emergency affecting the life, health, property or the public peace of the City of Tempe; and the Tempe City Council by way of Emergency Ordinance No. O2020.07, declared an emergency on March 18, 2020, authorizing the Mayor to rule by proclamation to enact measures to ensure the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Arizona law authorizes the Mayor of the City of Tempe, Arizona, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City of Tempe is or may be affected by a public calamity under AR.S. § 26-311, in addition to powers granted by other provisions of law or the Charter; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a public health emergency of international concern and Arizona Governor Douglas Ducey declared a state of emergency for the State of Arizona on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 outbreak constitutes an immediate threat to life, public health, safety, welfare and economic viability, the City of Tempe has taken measures to protect the health and safety of our residents, community and employees, from the rapidly evolving threat to public health, safety and welfare; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State of Arizona’s Executive Orders and at the recommendation of the state’s public health officials, the City of Tempe shall continue its efforts to further limit potential exposure through a policy of physical distancing to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus while maintaining social connections as residents return to certain activities; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order Nos. 2020-33 and 2020-34, Governor Ducey has authorized certain retailers to resume operations in a limited capacity while still directing people to stay home to the extent possible.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED THAT DUE TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY THAT EXISTS IN THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA FROM THE COVID-19 VIRUS OUTBREAK IT IS HEREBY ORDERED WITHIN THE CITY OF TEMPE:

Notwithstanding the Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Tempe dated March 30, 2020, effective Saturday, June 20, 2020, the following municipal park amenities will reopen to the public: park ramadas, picnic tables and benches. This is in addition to the reopening of basketball and volleyball courts, dog parks, and athletic fields on June 1, 2020 and the reopening of tennis courts, pickleball courts, skate parks and disc golf on May 13, 2020 as ordered by Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Tempe. Residents should continue to practice physical distancing, keeping (6) feet distance between individuals not in the same household. Residents should also follow the protocols and guidance offered by the Center for Disease Controls, as amended from time to time, and the Arizona Department of Health Services, including that gatherings be limited to groups of (10) ten or less.

The remaining provisions of the Proclamation dated March 30, 2020, including the closures of playground equipment, exercise and fitness stations, and splash pads shall remain closed until such time that the City Manager deems it appropriate to reopen these amenities.

PROCLAIMED at 10:41 a.m. this 18 day of June 2020.

Mark W. Mitchell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carla R. Reece, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Judith R. Baumann, City Attorney