

**SPARKS CITY MANAGER’S DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
and
MAYOR’S CONCURRENCE IN DECLARATION OF
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “high,” and has advised that COVID-19 will continue to spread globally, including within the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency caused by COVID-19, which emergency began on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the CDC reports there are currently 1,629 COVID-19 cases in the United States, including in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the CDC reports there have been 41 deaths from COVID-19 in the United States to date; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of Nevada declared an emergency due to the impacts and risks of person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 in order to coordinate state and local resources to save lives, protect property, and protect the health and safety of persons in the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, there have been 26 cases of COVID-19 in the State of Nevada to date; and

WHEREAS, nine cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Washoe County, and additional suspected cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Washoe County; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Nevada ordered that all kindergarten through twelfth grade schools in the State of Nevada be closed beginning on March 16, 2020, and continuing until at least April 6, 2020, in order to slow the person-to-person transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States, including in Washoe County and the City of Sparks, significantly impacts the lives and health of the people and economy of the City of Sparks and is an emergency threatening the health, safety, welfare, and property of inhabitants of and visitors to the City of Sparks; and

WHEREAS, Sparks Municipal Code (SMC) 1.30.010 and SMC 2.20.025 empower the City Manager or his designee to proclaim the existence of a local state of emergency and to request

state and federal assistance when the City of Sparks is affected by or in imminent danger of a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the City Council was not in session and could not immediately be called into session; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission pose imminent and extreme peril to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Sparks, which warrants and necessitates the declaration of the existence of a local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, local resources are unable to cope with the effects of said emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that a local state of emergency exists throughout the City of Sparks; and

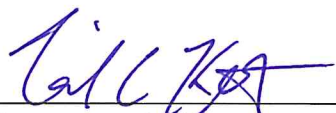
IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local state of emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the City Manager or his designee, and the Emergency Services System of the City of Sparks shall be those prescribed by Nevada law, by ordinances and resolutions of the City of Sparks, and by the City of Sparks Emergency Operations Plan.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist unless the City Council, at its next lawful meeting on which the Resolution is agendized, fails to ratify this declaration of emergency, or until the City Manager or his designee or the City Council determines the state of emergency no longer exists or the threat of an emergency has passed and terminates the state of emergency accordingly.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this declaration be forwarded to the Nevada Director of the Division of Emergency Management.


IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the City Manager or his designee is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City of Sparks for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.

DATED: March 15, 2020




City Manager or designee

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney




City Clerk

**MAYOR'S CONCURRENCE IN DECLARATION OF
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

I, Ronald E. Smith, Mayor of the City of Sparks, do hereby concur with the Declaration of Local State of Emergency executed by the City Manager or his designee on March 15, 2020, due to COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission, which have caused imminent and extreme peril to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Sparks.

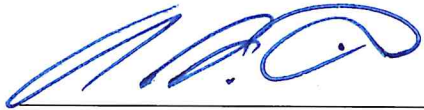
My concurrence is made in recognition of the public's safety, the provisions of Sparks Municipal Code 1.30.010 and 2.20.025, and the provisions of NRS Chapter 414. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to perform all duties and legal obligations under Nevada and local laws, ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, administrative decrees, and the Emergency Operations Plan.

DATED: March 15, 2020



Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 for

City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk