



## DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS RELATING THERETO

In concert with similar declarations by the President, Governor and County Executive, I previously proclaimed a State of Emergency and implemented the emergency operations plan for the City of Ferguson (the "City").

In reissuing this Order, I take note of the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), State of Missouri Health Department and St Louis County Health Department. I have also consulted available members of the City Council, with our city staff including the City Attorney and all department heads and issue this order in the absence of a quorum of the City Council which will be effective immediately and remain in place until rescinded by my office or revoked or modified by the City Council.

The purpose of this declaration is to update previously stated deadlines. The purpose is also to make additional orders that are currently warranted.

Pursuant to §44.080 RSMo and Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code of the City it is hereby ordered:

1. All businesses still operating within the city limits and currently open to conduct business are encouraged to provide personal protective equipment to their staff for use during business hours. All businesses must require staff to wear a face covering such as a mask when working with the public by April 24, 2020.
2. Members of the public who are patrons of any business establishments are strongly encouraged to wear personal protective equipment such as mask and gloves at all times while conducting business at these facilities. Businesses operating and open to the public during this emergency will be required to post notices at their entrance requesting patrons to wear masks or face coverings while in their respective establishments. Such request is not to be construed as a requirement by the city to conduct business, though businesses are free to make such a request mandatory at their discretion.
3. The City Manager is hereby authorized to appoint the Fire Chief as the Director of Civil Defense.
4. The Ferguson Community Center ("Center") was closed effective end of business March 17, 2020 and will remain closed until further order declaring that the emergency no longer exist. Monthly members will not be charged their monthly fees until the month after the

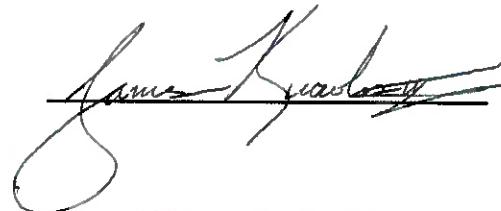
Community Center is reopened. Annual memberships will be credited months equal to the to the number of months the Community Center was closed once the Community Center is reopened.

5. All recreation programs being offered by the City, whether at the Community Center or elsewhere, were canceled effective March 17, 2020 and will remain so until further order declaring that the emergency no longer exists.
6. All facilities rentals at the Community Center were canceled effective March 17, 2020 and will remain so until further order declaring that the emergency no longer exists. This order was made in accordance with St. Louis County issued orders that gathering spaces that can accommodate 10 or more guests be closed. Additionally, use of meeting spaces by groups at the Ferguson City Hall, or either Fire House are also cancelled. Refunds without penalty will be given to renters as applicable.
7. All meetings of citizens' boards and commissions as well as Neighborhood Association meetings were canceled effective March 17, 2020 and remain canceled until further order declaring that the emergency no longer exist with exceptions to be granted in light of any legal deadlines or other emergencies. Such emergency meetings shall be held by conference call when permitted by law with public notice on how to electronically attend the conference call.
8. The Supreme Court of Missouri has cancelled all Municipal Court sessions scheduled through May 15, 2020. This date may be extended by the Supreme Court of Missouri as circumstances warrant.
9. Community events currently scheduled are cancelled. Cancellation of summer events will be evaluated as circumstances evolve.
10. Residents and customers are encouraged to interact with city hall whenever possible by electronic means, for example Facebook, or the City's website and most application forms are available on-line for filing for city permits in public works and for licenses and permits in the Office of the City Clerk and Collector of Revenue.
11. In accordance with extensions of state liquor licenses granted by the Missouri Department of Safety Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control, liquor licenses issued by the City of Ferguson expiring on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 also hereby extended until August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
12. Suspension of current licenses and a moratorium on the issuance of Door-to-Door Solicitors and Other Licenses effective immediately and such suspension to remain in place until further order declaring that the emergency no longer exist.
13. Ferguson parks are to officially remain open. However, residents are to observe proper social distancing measures as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control. Park facilities such as play equipment, tennis courts, baseball courts, volleyball courts, basketball courts, and softball courts are officially closed and off limits to park patrons and will remain as such until further order declaring that the emergency no longer exist

14. The City Manager is granted emergency authority under the Municipal Code to respond to needs in real time as issues are presented including but not limited to emergency purchasing; assignment or re-assignment of personnel both within and between departments; approval of alternate schedules and work from home where appropriate and closing portions of public buildings as needed to protect the general public and staff from exposure to the Covid-19 virus.
15. The City of Ferguson hereby adopts the emergency waiver issued by **Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control** entitled *Industry Circular, Emergency Waiver – Retailer-Packaged Alcohol* issued on April 14, 2020 – see city website.

SO ORDERED and filed this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2020.

CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI



James W. Knowles III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Octavia Pittman, City Clerk

