

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021- 03**

**SUPERSEDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-13 AND PROCLAIMING A
CIVIL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus COVID-19 disease to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency due to the COVID-19 Virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Oklahoma Attorney General announced that the Emergency Price Stabilization Act, which prohibits an increase of more than 10% for the price of goods or services after a declared emergency, is in effect statewide; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma issued Executive Order 2020-07 declaring an emergency caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this State and the public's peace, health and safety; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, as Mayor of the City of Tulsa, I issued Executive Order 2020-01 proclaiming the existence of a civil emergency in the City of Tulsa and restricting certain events and the maximum numbers of persons that could gather to 50; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, the State Board of Education ordered all accredited public schools to cease operations, effective March 17 until April 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Oklahoma Supreme Court cancelled all jury terms and suspended all civil, juvenile, and criminal cases for 30 days and on March 27, 2020, the Oklahoma Supreme Court extended the order to cancel jury terms and suspend all of the aforementioned cases until May 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, as Mayor of the City of Tulsa, I issued Executive Order 2020-02 declaring a civil emergency, calling for the closure of certain businesses, and prohibiting dine-in service at restaurants; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma amended Executive Order 2020-07 requiring vulnerable individuals to stay home except for essential errands, closing non-essential businesses in counties with confirmed cases of COVID-19, suspending certain elective and minor medical procedures, prohibiting gatherings of 10 or more individuals, and restricting visitation at nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the State Board of Education unanimously approved an order implementing a Distance Learning Plan to complete the 2019-20 school year for Oklahoma students without reopening school buildings; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, the President of the United States extended the CDC Coronavirus Guidelines for America for an additional 30 days through April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, as Mayor of the City of Tulsa, I issued Executive Order 2020-05 declaring a civil emergency, prohibiting gatherings of any size, and requiring Tulsans to stay safer at home unless obtaining essential food or medical services, exercising, or performing essential work; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, April 16, 2020, President Trump released his Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, April 24, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma issued the Fourth Amended Executive Order 2020-13 to implement the Open Up and Recover Safely (OURS) Plan, a three-phased approach to open Oklahoma's economy back up starting April 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, as Mayor of the City of Tulsa, I issued Executive Order 2020-07 to implement reopening Phase 1 in the City of Tulsa; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, May 14, 2020, as Mayor of the City of Tulsa, I issued Executive Order 2020-08 to implement reopening Phase 2 in the City of Tulsa; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, May 28, 2020, Governor of the State of Oklahoma Kevin Stitt announced his intention to proceed to Phase Three of the OURS Plan on Monday, June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, May 29, 2020, as Mayor of the City of Tulsa, I issued Executive Order 2020-09 to further refine Phase 2 in the City of Tulsa; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, June 8, 2020, as Mayor of the City of Tulsa, I issued Executive Order 2020-10 to implement reopening Phase 3 in the City of Tulsa; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, July 2, 2020, as Mayor of the City of Tulsa, I issued Executive Order 2020-13 to further refine Phase 3 in the City of Tulsa; and

WHEREAS, as of Tuesday, April 27, 2021, there were 1,087 active cases (73,773 total cases) of COVID-19 in Tulsa County; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends several strategies for maintaining healthy environments and operations at large events; and

WHEREAS, it is my duty as Mayor to protect the health and safety of the City and its inhabitants, to preserve the peace, and to provide civil defense and emergency functions; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers and facilities to handle and care for the influx of new patients in order to safeguard public health and safety; and

Therefore, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tulsa, pursuant to Title 8, Tulsa Revised Ordinances, Section 200 and the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act, 63 O.S. § 683.3, I hereby proclaim the continued existence of a civil emergency in the City of Tulsa and further, it is hereby declared and **ORDERED**, as follows:

1. Executive Order No. 2020-13, dated July 2, 2020, proclaiming the existence of a civil emergency in the City of Tulsa is hereby amended and revised to reflect updated modeling to predict the impact of COVID-19 on public health and healthcare infrastructure, as encompassed hereinafter.
2. Events and gatherings with five hundred (500) attendees or more are required to submit a COVID-19 safety plan for review by the Tulsa Health Department a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the event or gathering. Safety plans should be submitted by email to covid19plans@tulsa-health.org. No events or gatherings with five hundred (500) attendees or more taking place on or after July 16, 2020, may be in held in the City of Tulsa without a safety plan reviewed by the Tulsa Health Department.
3. All businesses within the City of Tulsa shall follow the guidance in the Governor of the State of Oklahoma's OURS Plan.

This Executive Order shall take effect at 12:01a.m., Saturday, May 1, 2021, and remain in effect until rescinded or superseded.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2021.



G.T. Bynum, Mayor

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ATTEST:



City Clerk



APPROVED:



Deputy City Attorney