

**RESOLUTION NO. 1435
CITY OF PRINEVILLE, OREGON**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING PRINEVILLE POLICIES DURING THE COVID-19
PANDEMIC**

Whereas, COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020; and

Whereas, COVID-19 are a group of viruses that can cause respiratory disease, with the potential to cause serious illness or loss of life for individuals with underlying health conditions; and

Whereas, COVID-19 requires a significant amount of resources at the local level to keep the public and community informed and as safe as possible; and

Whereas, on March 8, 2020, Oregon Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon (Executive Order 20-03), finding that COVID-19 has created a threat to public health and safety, and constitutes a statewide emergency under ORS 401.025(1); and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency; and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, the Crook County Court declared a state of emergency relating to COVID-19 in Crook County, Oregon; and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, the City Council of Prineville declared a state of emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic per Resolution 1429; and

Whereas, on March 17, 2020, Governor Brown issued Executive Order 20-07 prohibiting on-premises consumption of food or drink and gatherings of more than 25 people; and

Whereas, on March 23, 2020, Governor Brown issued Executive Order 20-12, “Stay-Home, Save Lives,” which prohibited non-essential social and recreational gatherings of individuals outside of a home or place of residence regardless of size, if a distance of six feet between individuals cannot be maintained; and

Whereas, on March 24, 2020, per Resolution 1430, the City Council ratified City Manager’s Administrative Order dated March 16, 2020 regarding the City’s policies and responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, some of which require updated; and

Whereas, an Emergency continues to exist, which requires the City taking such actions and issue such orders as are determined to be necessary to protect the public and property and to

efficiently conduct activities that minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency as described in Prineville City Code 31.05.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Prineville resolves and declares the following:

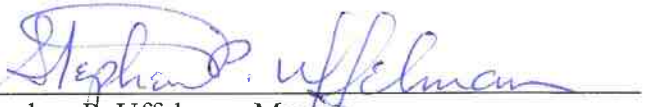
1. To protect the health and safety of City employees, with input from the City Human Resource Department, IT, legal, and other City department heads, the City Manager is authorized to continue to develop emergency policies and guidance on the use of sick leave, vacation leave, telecommuting, meeting protocol, identification of essential and non-essential staff for ongoing presence at City facilities, and other polices that will be in effect for the duration of the emergency.
2. To eliminate the exposure to and spread of COVID-19, and in support of state and federal guidelines for social distancing, the City of Prineville is canceling all standing advisory committee meetings and activities.
4. To eliminate the exposure to and spread of COVID-19, and in support of state and federal guidelines for social distancing, City Hall shall be closed to the general public. Citizens may call City Hall at 541.447.5627 for any governmental needs. Citizens may pay utility bills by utilization of the drop box behind City Hall, over the phone at 541.447.5627, by mail, or through the City's website at <https://www.cityofprineville.com/>.
5. To eliminate the exposure to and spread of COVID-19, and in support of state and federal guidelines for social distancing, the Prineville Police Department lobby will be closed to the general public. Citizens may call the Prineville Police Department at 541.447.4168.
6. To eliminate the exposure to and spread of COVID-19, and in support of state and federal guidelines for social distancing, all non-emergency service calls by Prineville Police shall be handled by telephone.
7. To eliminate the exposure to and spread of COVID-19, and in support of state and federal guidelines for social distancing, the City of Prineville project-based meetings shall be done telephonically and/or by live feed. If the meeting is unable to be conducted telephonically and/or by live feed, then the meeting shall be cancelled.
8. City Council meetings shall be conducted telephonically and by simultaneous video transmission on the City's Facebook page. Citizens shall be provided a phone number to listen to the Council Meeting and are encouraged to utilize Facebook.
9. Other than public hearings, which shall be governed by Oregon Executive Order 20-16, public comment shall be limited to written comments provided to City Council by mail at City of Prineville, ATTN: Lisa Morgan, 387 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754, or by email at cityhall@cityofprineville.com. Any written comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on the date of the scheduled Council meeting and must include the sender's name and address to be officially read into the record.

10. The City will not send shut-off notices or shut off water for non-payment of unpaid water bills while this emergency is in place. Any late fees caused as a result of the emergency shall be eligible for a future credit.

11. All permitted special events of more than 10 persons are cancelled during this emergency.

12. This Order shall be effective so long as a Local State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 pandemic is in existence.

Approved by the City Council this 28th day of April, 2020.



Stephen P. Uffelman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Morgan, City Recorder