

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY  
FOR SPRING HILL, KANSAS**

**WHEREAS**, on the 19th day of March, 2020, the Mayor of Spring Hill, Kansas finds that a disaster has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent within the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) and the confirmed outbreak and person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in the United States, Kansas, Johnson County and Miami County; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, has been confirmed in Kansas and in Johnson County and Miami County, resulting in serious illness and several deaths to date in Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, such conditions endanger health, safety and welfare of persons and property within Spring Hill, Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the resulting epidemic in Kansas, Johnson County and Miami County continue to threaten the life and health of our citizens and visitors as well as the economy and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property and the public peace.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Mayor of Spring Hill, Kansas, pursuant to K.S.A. 48-932, and amendments thereto, that:

1. A State of Local Disaster Emergency exists for Johnson County and Miami County, Kansas as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).
2. The area within the City of Spring Hill, Kansas includes Johnson County and Miami County.
3. This Declaration specifically prohibits all large public gatherings of people in the City. Large public gatherings are those with more than 10 people in attendance or anticipated to attend, except for governmental and judicial functions, healthcare facilities, private business operations (except for restaurant and bar limitations as enacted by Johnson and Miami Counties). For any size gathering of people, the City encourages everyone to follow the guidance provided by the Centers for

Disease Control (CDC), federal, state and local public health officials and private medical providers.

4. Residents are encouraged to do business with the City online and by phone when possible. City departments are adjusting practices to accommodate remote interaction.

For a full list of changes in service, please visit the Spring Hill website: [www.springhillks.gov](http://www.springhillks.gov).

Additionally, all City departments are evaluating current protocols and practices for employees and their interactions with the public.

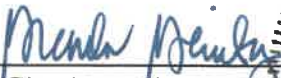
5. This Declaration is supplemental to and does not limit or modify any orders, directives, management or control of the COVID-19 pandemic or other public health matters of the Johnson County Public Health Department or by the Johnson County Public Health Officer, and the Miami County Public Health Department or by the Miami County Public Health Officer.
6. This Declaration of a local disaster emergency shall activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans which are applicable to Johnson County and Miami County, Kansas, and shall initiate the rendering of aid and assistance thereunder.
7. The Governing Body has all rights and/or powers to perform such functions as are vested in said Governing Body by and through the provisions of the Kansas Emergency Management Act. Any rights or powers lawfully exercised, or any actions taken pursuant to local disaster emergency plans shall continue and have full force and effect as authorized by law unless modified or terminated in the manner prescribed by law.
8. This Declaration of a local disaster emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Clerk.
9. This state of local disaster emergency is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days unless terminated earlier or renewed by consent of the City Council. The City Council will consider this matter at its regular meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

**PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF SPRING HILL, KANSAS THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.**

City of Spring Hill, Kansas

Attest:

By:

  
Glenda Gerrity, City Clerk

By:

  
Steven M. Ellis, Mayor



Approved as to form:

By:

  
Frank H. Jenkins, Jr., City Attorney