

**DECLARATION 2020-3**

**CITY OF LOWELL, BENTON COUNTY**

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY  
FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS**

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, Mayor Chris Moore executed Disaster Declaration 2020-1 for the City of Lowell, which is in effect until April 19, 2020, however due to the continued coronavirus crisis across the State of Arkansas, Governor Asa Hutchison has enforced cancellation of public events, meetings and gatherings until April 30, 2020, and has since extended the cancellation of schools the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year and social distancing and closure rules until further notice;

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Chris Moore is the duly elected Mayor of the City of Lowell, Benton County, Arkansas;

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson issued an Executive Order to Declare a State of Emergency due to the outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) across the United States and in Arkansas;

**WHEREAS**, public schools and universities across the state have been closed due to this State of Emergency and further orders by Governor Hutchinson;

**WHEREAS**, the disease is known spread from person to person contact;

**WHEREAS**, public events, meetings, and gatherings have been cancelled throughout the state of Arkansas due to continued transmission of the disease throughout the state;

**WHEREAS**, businesses throughout the state of Arkansas have closed or have employees working from home in order to limit the transmission of the disease;

**WHEREAS**, continued public events, meetings, and gatherings pose an immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of the general public;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lowell, Arkansas, has the authority under Arkansas law to use police powers to protect the health, safety and welfare of citizens and the general public;

**WHEREAS**, Ark. Code Ann. § 12-75-108 provides that a local disaster emergency may be declared by the chief executive of a local political subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, a disaster emergency declaration is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Lowell, Arkansas.

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY DECLARED:**

1. The declaration of a disaster emergency (“Declaration”) is hereby extended for the City of Lowell, Arkansas.
2. The extended Declaration is in effect immediately and shall continue in effect for thirty (30) days until modified, extended or ceased. Specific orders or rules may be issued under the Declaration in the form of Executive Orders.
3. All powers and authority under Ark. Code Ann. § 12-75-108 are in effect, including the power to suspend the provision of any local regulatory ordinance or regulation for up to thirty (30) days if strict compliance with the ordinance or regulation provisions would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary actions to cope with this disaster emergency.

**IT IS THEREFORE HEREBY DECLARED AND ORDERED**, on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.



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Chris Moore, Mayor  
City of Lowell, Arkansas