

**CITY OF Glendive, MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the Coronavirus Disease (“COVID-19”) a global pandemic that is controllable via precautionary measures to stop the spread of the disease;

WHEREAS, as of March 17, 2020, the United States Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates there are over 4,226 cases and 75 deaths across the United States as a result of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, individuals in Montana have tested presumptive positive for COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Bullock issued an Executive Order declaring an emergency to exist within the State of Montana related to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Section 10-3-402, MCA, allows the principle executive officer of a local political subdivision to declare a state of local emergency (“Declaration”) whenever the principle executive officer determines there is an emergency;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Glendive is the principal executive officer of the City of Glendive;

WHEREAS, the City faces an imminent threat to life and public health resulting from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the circumstances of this pandemic may exceed the capacity of the services, personnel, equipment, supplies, facilities, funding, and other resources of the City of Glendive, Montana;

WHEREAS, the availability and utilization of all necessary city services, equipment, and other resources will further the efforts to protect health and safety and to preserve the lives, property, and resources of the people of the City of Glendive, Montana;

NOW, THEREFORE, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GLENDIVE, I HEREBY DECLARE:

1. A state of local emergency pursuant to Section 10-3-402, MCA.
2. This Declaration shall activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all adopted local disaster emergency plans, including section 1-13-2 of the City of Glendive City Code and authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance in accordance with such plan.
3. The Mayor has the authority, pursuant to Section 10-3-406, MCA, to prevent ingress to or egress from all or part of the City and to direct law enforcement to enforce quarantines and curfews in all or parts of the City concurrent with or at the direction of the County Board of Health Officer.

4. The Mayor will adhere to and implement all directives provided by the Governor of the State of Montana regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. The Mayor has the authority, pursuant to administer all affairs and departments of the city, including but not limited to, the implementation of orders for employees to work from home, is reaffirmed.

6. Regular meetings of the Glendive City/Council, as required by Section 1-6-6 of the Glendive City Code will be held but only essential legally required actions will be considered until such meetings can be held via remote communication. Regular meetings of the Glendive City/Council, as required by Section 1-6-6 of the Glendive City Code may be cancelled by order of the Mayor.

7. Meetings of committees, boards, and advisory groups and all other scheduled public meetings and hearings of the City Council are temporarily postponed and will tentatively resume after May 7, 2020, dependent upon the evolving circumstances of this emergency, unless the meeting is legally required to take an action. In such case, the meeting shall be held for the purpose of taking such legally required action only, and may be held via electronic means with audio communication.

8. Mayor has authority to pay bills, approve payroll, and make purchases in furtherance of implementing the emergency plan and taking such measures as they deem necessary to address the emergency for later approval by the council.

9. City Hall will be temporarily closed to the public until the declaration of emergency is terminated. Employees at City Hall will remain available via telephone and/or other electronic means.


10. This Declaration is effective immediately and shall terminate upon subsequent order from the Mayor and City Council of the City of Glendive.

11. Copies of this Declaration be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder, the City Finance Offices, and the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Division in Helena.

12. Matters related to the City's human resources and internal operating procedures (staff Meetings etc.) will be addressed in a separate document.

13. The public shall be notified of this Declaration as soon as reasonably feasible through general dissemination to the news media, posting on the city website, or using other means of communication appropriate for informing the general public.

Declared by the Mayor of the City of Glendive, Montana, on this 19th day of March, 2020.



MAYOR
Jerry Jimison