

ORDINANCE NO. 3528

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE #3527; CREATING EMERGENCY MEASURES RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; AND DECLARING AN 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 disease pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma declared 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 18, 2020, the City Council of the City of Bartlesville passed Resolution #3592 aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, in accordance with Section 2-466 of the Bartlesville Municipal Code, the Mayor of the City of Bartlesville proclaimed that a state of emergency existed in relation to the impending threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the City Council of City of Bartlesville passed Ordinance #3525 which expanded the actions taken as part of Resolution #3592; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, in accordance with Section 2-466 of the Bartlesville Municipal Code, the Mayor of the City of Bartlesville extended the state of emergency via Proclamation 2020-02; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the City Council of the City of Bartlesville passed Ordinance #3526 which amended Ordinance #3525; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma issued the 4th amendment to Executive Order 2020-13 which implemented the "Open Up and Recover Safely" (OURS) plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the City Council of the City of Bartlesville passed Ordinance #3527 which replaced Ordinances #3525 and #3526; and

WHEREAS, Title 11 Section 22-120 of Oklahoma statutes grants municipal bodies broad authority to "make regulations to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases into the municipality and may enforce quarantine laws within five (5) miles of the municipal limits";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA, that:

ORDINANCE #3527 IS REPEALED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Utility cutoffs are authorized to resume, and the City Manager or his designee are authorized to extend payment arrangements for up to one year for customers who have past due balances that were incurred during the terms of the COVID-19 emergency measures.

SECTION 2: All City Council, authority, board, and committee meetings are hereby authorized to utilize the provisions of Senate bill 661 and to conduct meetings by teleconference, videoconference, in-person, or any combination of methods allowed under the bill. This section shall remain in effect until the provisions of Senate bill 661 are revoked.

SECTION 3: The City Manager is authorized to take the following actions:

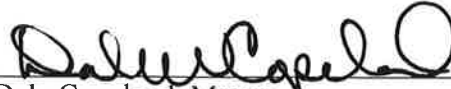
1. Where practical, to close portions of public facilities to the public and encourage the use of email, telephone, and other remote methods of conducting business with the City
2. To modify work schedules and conditions as necessary to ensure business continuity and employee safety
3. To invoke special protocols to limit the risk of exposure for City employees
4. To establish procedures for certain employees to telecommute where practical
5. To provide paid administrative leave for employees who have potentially been exposed to COVID-19 as per management developed policy
6. Establish mandatory disinfection protocols for all City facilities
7. Take other actions as necessary to preserve the health and safety of City employees

SECTION 4: The Bartlesville Development Authority is hereby directed to create a task force to study the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The task force should be comprised of experts in the fields of economics, medicine, banking, and economic development as well as local business members, a member of the City Council, and a member from the Chamber of Commerce. The task force will focus on current business retention, small business assistance during the current crisis, and a path to eventual economic recovery.

SECTION 5: Except as otherwise indicated or previously authorized, these measures will take effect on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 11:59 pm and shall stay in effect until revoked. This ordinance shall be reviewed and, if warranted, amended or revoked by the City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 6, 2020.

SECTION 6: An emergency is hereby declared to exist for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, and by reason whereof, this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

APPROVED AND THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE ACTED UPON SEPARATELY BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BARTLESVILLE THIS 1st DAY OF JUNE 2020.



Dale Copeland, Mayor
City of Bartlesville



City Clerk
City of Bartlesville



VOTE:

MR. STUART	<input checked="" type="radio"/> aye	no
MR. DORSEY	<input checked="" type="radio"/> aye	no
MR. CURD	<input checked="" type="radio"/> aye	no
VICE MAYOR GENTGES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> aye	no
MAYOR COPELAND	<input checked="" type="radio"/> aye	no