

**RESOLUTION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION
CITY OF CHAPMAN, KANSAS
RESOLUTION NO. 03182020**

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of March, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Chapman finds that a disaster has occurred or the imminent threat of a disaster exists within the City of Chapman as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) which has been found to exist in the United States and the State of Kansas;

WHEREAS, Kansas is facing a crisis-the pandemic and public health emergency of COVID-19 resulting in illness, quarantines, school closures, and temporary closure of businesses resulting in lost wages and financial hardship to Chapman citizens;

WHEREAS, the United States Departments of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning January 27, 2020, with more than 4,000 cases of the illness and more than 60 deaths as a result of the illness across the United States;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, a State of Disaster Emergency was proclaimed for the State of Kansas on March 12, 2020, which included all 105 Kansas counties;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID- 19 a pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to Section 50 1 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act");

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq. and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5), declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Kelly issued Executive Order Number 20-05 ordering all utility providers to suspend the practice of utility disconnection for non-payment until May 1, 2020, or until rescinded earlier.

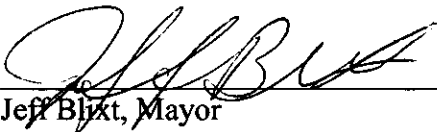
NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted by home rule authority contained in the Kansas Constitution, the ordinances of the City of Chapman, Kansas, and K.S.A. 48-932, in order to mitigate the effects of the spread of COVID-19:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CHAPMAN THAT:

1. A State of Local Disaster Emergency exists for Chapman, Kansas as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

2. The Area covered by the declaration is the entire area of Chapman, Kansas.
3. The city administrator is authorized to negotiate a payment plan for assessed late fees related to this disaster. The city administrator is also authorized to forgive all or a portion of late fees if evidence of hardship related to this disaster is provided.
4. The suspension of utility late fees collections shall take effect immediately upon passage by the governing body and continue for as long as the Governors Executive Order 20-05 is in effect.
5. The State of Local Disaster Emergency shall remain in effect for the City of Chapman until May 13, 2020, unless rescinded earlier or extended.
6. This declaration of local disaster emergency shall activate the response and recovery aspects of any local or inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans which are applicable to the City of Chapman, Kansas, and shall initiate the rendering of aid and assistance thereunder.
7. This Resolution is supplemental to and does not limit any orders, directives, or control related to or issued by any Federal, State, or County agency.

WHEREUPON, this Resolution of Local Disaster Emergency Declaration, having been passed by a majority of the members of the governing body and approved by the mayor this 18th day of March, 2020, shall be in force immediately.



Jeff Blyt, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brittany Phillips, City Clerk