

**MARCH 23rd, 2020, EMERGENCY ORDERS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
JACK SMILEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ALTUS, OKLAHOMA**

WHEREAS, the Altus Municipal Code, Chapter 9, Article II, §9-26 through §9-35 empowers the Mayor of the City of Altus (“City”) to issue emergency orders during a declared emergency;

WHEREAS, an Emergency Proclamation was issued by the Mayor of Altus on March 17th, 2020, and the Altus City Council extended the emergency period and emergency orders until April 7th, 2020, at 6:00 o’clock p.m. for further consideration and possible action;

WHEREAS, circumstances, events, knowledge and state and federal directives and recommendations continue to change;

WHEREAS, some of the citizens of Altus have expressed confusion or misunderstanding of the emergency orders currently effective and the Mayor of the City of Altus has directed that all currently effective orders be combined in a single document to aide citizen understanding and compliance;

NOW THEREFORE, Jack Smiley, the Mayor of Altus, Oklahoma issues the following emergency orders and recommendations.

EMERGENCY ORDERS

The following orders must be followed. Violation of these orders is a misdemeanor under Altus Municipal Code Section 9-34. These Orders contain new emergency orders as well as prior emergency orders still in effect. This document contains all emergency orders currently in effect as of March 23rd, 2020.

1. All gatherings of people must be limited to fifty (50) persons or less. This total number includes business staff and customers added together for one total and all in the same building. This Order includes churches and all other religious or similar organizations. This Order and limitation does **NOT** apply to essential businesses. This Order may not be circumvented by placing numbers of people in separate rooms within the same building.
2. All bars and lounges are closed effective immediately until further order.
3. All gymnasiums and fitness centers of all types are closed effective immediately and until further orders.
4. All bowling alleys are closed effective immediately and until further orders.
5. All tattoo parlors are closed effective immediately and until further orders.

6. All playground apparatus, physical fitness apparatus and similar equipment at public parks and recreation areas are immediately closed for use by the public until further orders.
7. Effective immediately, all nail salons, beauty salons, barber shops and tanning bed facilities must: (a) limit the total number of persons inside the facility at any one time to ten (10) people or less, including staff and customers, (b) services must be provided by appointment only, (c) use of common waiting areas must be stopped, (d) customers must wait in a vehicle or outside until the service area is available for that customers appointment, (e) the service area must be fully and completely disinfected by a staff member between each customer, and (f) each salon or shop must sanitize common areas used by customers at least twice per hour.
8. All City issued permits for parades, activities or other gatherings are revoked.
9. All tours and field trips of City facilities are immediately suspended until further order.
10. All personnel engaged in any aspect of food service or processing must wear gloves made of poly material, vinyl, nitrile, plastic or similar material.
11. All personnel engaged in any aspect of food service or processing exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 infection must cease food service immediately.
12. All dine-in services and on premises dining, even if in an outside area, in all restaurants is terminated effective immediately until further order. All restaurants may provide food service only through drive-thru, delivery or take out services. The prior curfew imposed for restaurants is terminated. Restaurants may be open for business during all hours of the day; **PROVIDED**, that food is dispensed only through drive-thru, delivery or take out services.
13. All non-essential businesses must close at or before 10:00 o'clock p.m. and must not re-open before 6:00 o'clock a.m. the next day. If the business is not listed below as an essential then it is not exempt during this emergency period. **The City of Altus values and supports all local businesses and regrets the inconvenience.**
14. Essential businesses **ARE**: (a) gasoline/fuel stations, (b) pharmacies, (c) grocery stores and food supply organizations, and (d) retail banking institutions and (f) restaurants. If the business is not listed in this paragraph then it is considered non-essential during this emergency period and the curfew applies. Restaurants are exempted from the curfew.
15. All businesses must provide at least one (1) hour at the beginning of the business day for the establishment in which seniors and those people that are health compromised may shop or obtain service separate and apart from the remainder of the community. In the alternative, a business may provide separate areas in which seniors and those people that are health compromised may shop or obtain service separate and apart from the remainder of the community.

16. All businesses must sell essential items in a manner to prevent and prohibit hoarding and to ensure that all consumers have the opportunity to purchase essential items such as, but not limited to, eggs, dairy, water, paper goods, disinfectant, meats, vegetables, baby formula, diapers, necessities for infants and children and feminine hygiene products.
17. The Oklahoma Emergency Price Stabilization Act, prohibits an increase of more than ten percent (10%) for the price of goods or services after a declared emergency. This statute is in effect and anyone violating this law will be prosecuted.
18. All businesses are subject to daily inspection by City officials and employees to ensure compliance with these emergency orders.
19. These emergency orders do not apply to emergency services and emergency services personnel in the performance of their job functions and duties.
20. Combative sports are suspended until further order.
21. The responsibility of compliance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to the fullest extent possible shall be upon the owner of the business or venue.
22. All businesses must make available to customers hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes at each entrance to the business establishment.
23. All businesses must sanitize areas frequently used by customers at least twice per hour. Examples include, but are not limited to, points-of-sale, shopping carts, common-use countertops, main entryway doors and door handles, gas pump handles and keypads computer screens for consumer transactions.
24. Self-service areas for food and beverage must be ceased and terminated effective immediately.
25. If any business owners or managers have questions regarding the emergency orders issued you may contact the City of Altus at (580) 482-4121.


RECOMMENDATIONS

The following are recommendations and are **NOT** orders at this time.

1. All persons should employ “social distancing” which is to allow at least six (6) feet of space between you and any other person. The prevention of the spread of COVID-19 starts with each person. Be responsible and cautious for yourself and your family.
2. Work and educational activities should be accomplished from home whenever possible.
3. Avoid social gatherings and groups of more than ten (10) people.

4. Avoid discretionary travel.
5. Do not visit nursing homes, retirement homes, hospitals or long-term care facilities unless you are providing critical assistance.
6. Practice good hygiene.
7. Wash your hands frequently, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
8. Avoid touching your face.
9. Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow. Dispose of the tissue in an appropriate trash receptacle
10. Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.
11. If you work in a critical infrastructure industry as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services, pharmaceutical services and the food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to protect your health at work.
12. Review the CDC guidelines and recommendations often and follow the recommendations provided.
13. Current information indicates that COVID-19 may be spread at gas pump handles and similar common use areas. Consumers should use gloves made of poly material, vinyl, nitrile, plastic or similar material when using these areas. If gloves of these types are not available the consumer should use a disposable plastic bag. Consumers should dispose of the gloves or bags in a trash receptacle prior to re-entering his, or her, vehicle.
14. As more information and knowledge about COVID-19 becomes available additional orders or recommendations may be necessary or prudent. Citizens, business owners and business management should look to outlets maintained by the City of Altus for up-to-date and reliable information regarding current emergency orders for the City of Altus.

WITNESS my hand as Mayor of the city of Altus, Jackson County, Oklahoma, and affixed thereto on this the 23rd day of March, 2020.



Jack Smiley, Mayor

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ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paula Puckett", written over a horizontal line.

Paula Puckett
Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to Form and Legality:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Beason", written over a horizontal line.

Michael T. Beason, City Attorney