



EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

05-15-2020

WHEREAS, the City's first Emergency Proclamation was approved and issued on Friday, March 20, 2020 and is hereby terminated; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma on Wednesday, April 22nd, announced his "Open Up and Recover Safely" (OURS) Plan, a three-phase approach to open Oklahoma's economy; and

WHEREAS, the City's First Amended Emergency Proclamation was approved and issued on Thursday, April 23, 2020, implementing Part 1 of Phase 1 and is hereby amended in order to implement Part 2 of Phase 1 of the Governor's "Oklahoma's Open Up and Recover Safely Plan"; and

WHEREAS, the City's Second Amended Emergency Proclamation was approved and issued on Thursday, May 1, 2020, implementing Part 2 of Phase 1 and is now hereby amended in order to implement Phase 2 of the Governor's "Oklahoma's Open Up and Recover Safely Plan"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE ODLE, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF THE BLANCHARD, OKLAHOMA, BY THE POWERS INVESTED IN ME BY OKLAHOMA STATE LAW AND MUNICIPAL CODE, AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FOR THE CITY OF BLANCHARD, McCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: It is still vital (essential) that ALL residents of the City of Blanchard maintain **SAFE PRACTICES TO AVOID CONTRACTING COVID-19, through June 1st, 2020**, or unless modified prior to that date. These practices include (but are not limited to):

- *maintaining social distancing at ALL times;*
- *limit gatherings to fifty (50) people or less, shopping alone whenever possible;*
- *wearing a mask or handkerchief covering the mouth and nose at ALL times while in public; and*
- *minimizing non-essential travel, with adherence to CDC-guidelines and Executive Orders regarding isolation following travel;*
- *individuals over the age of sixty-five (65), or who are part of a vulnerable*

population, should continue to strictly follow safer-at-home guidelines as prescribed by the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION II: The City of Blanchard will follow the Governor's OURS Plan with the following local restrictions:

- a) *On May 15, 2020, the following businesses can reopen in Blanchard:*
- *Bars, Taverns, Nightclubs and Other Drinking Establishments primarily serving alcoholic beverages can open using CDC-recommended social distancing and sanitation protocols and following the Oklahoma Department of Commerce guidelines (see attached).*
 - *Festivals, Fairs, and other Outdoor Gatherings, if they adhere to CDC-recommended social distancing and sanitation protocols and following the Oklahoma Department of Commerce guidelines (see attached):*
 - *Organized games, competitions, and tournaments may resume. This also includes tumbling/cheer/gymnastics facilities, dance studios, ice/roller skating rinks, and swimming schools.*
 - *Larger weddings may resume with appropriate social distancing guidelines in place. Individuals should consult with the wedding venues to ensure appropriate social distancing and the maximum number of guests. They could offer seating with six feet distance between family groups and/or alternating rows or pews. Wedding ceremony venues should follow guidance for places of worship. Wedding reception venues should follow guidance for restaurants.*
 - *Larger funerals may resume with appropriate social distancing guidelines in place. Individuals should consult with the venues to ensure appropriate social distancing and the maximum number of guests. They could offer seating with six feet distance between family groups and/or alternating rows or pews. Funeral service venues should follow guidance for places of worship. Funeral reception venues should follow guidance for restaurants.*
 - *It is up to the individual HOAs to determine when they want to organize HOA events. They should follow social distancing guidelines for any events organized.*
 - *It is up to the neighborhoods to determine when they wish to reopen community pools. They should follow sanitation and social distancing best practices.*
 - *It is up to the individual apartment community to determine how they wish to use the common areas. They should follow sanitation and social distancing best practices.*

- *Garage sales may resume, during Phase 2 of the OURS plan. Groups are limited to 50 people, should be outdoors, and allow for social distancing.*
- *In-person auctions may resume, during Phase 2 of the OURS plan. Groups are limited to 50 people, should be outdoors, and allow for social distancing. Individual cities may determine to allow for in-person auctions sooner if they wish.*
- *These businesses shall post the CDC-recommendations and the Oklahoma Department of Commerce guidelines for their customers to read.*

SECTION III: The following City of Blanchard facilities shall remain closed until the expiration of this State of Emergency Declaration or until further notice:

- a) *Senior Citizens Center;*
- b) *Old City Hall;*
- c) *City Hall;*
- d) *Public Works;*
- e) *Fire Station;*
- f) *Police Station with limited access.*

However, all administrative and emergency services will remain on staff to answer phone calls and conduct essential services during regular business hours from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

SECTION IV: Meetings of all City of Blanchard boards, commissions and committees to include the City Council and BMIA Board of Trustees shall be held by teleconferencing and/or videoconferencing in accordance with Senate Bill 661 or until further notice.

SECTION V: The Blanchard Municipal Court dockets shall remain cancelled, and no arraignments shall be scheduled until May 21, 2020 or until further notice. Currently scheduled arraignments, hearings, and trials will be rescheduled. This includes all juvenile dockets. The Municipal Judge shall issue an order rescheduling cases and the Municipal Court Clerk shall issue written notification of new court dates.

SECTION VI: All public and private gatherings, meetings and events with fifty (50) or more people are hereby postponed and/or cancelled unless otherwise opened by Executive Order or this Proclamation and no special event permits for gatherings, meetings and events at said locations shall be issued until the expiration of this emergency declaration. Business will continue by phone or on-line or by mail or until further notice.

SECTION VII: Throughout the term of this Phase reopening, the City of Blanchard will postpone cutting off water service for customers unable to pay their utility bills. There will be no disconnection or late penalties applied to anyone's bill during this time period and extensions will not be required.

- a) *In lieu of making utility bill payments at City Hall, customers are still encouraged to make check, money order, or cash payments through the night drop or by mail.*
- b) *Card payments can also be made through the City's Website.*
- c) *Questions please call City Hall.*

SECTION VIII: This City of Blanchard will implement the Final Phase of the Governor's Plan on June 1st subject to all of Phase 1 and Phase 2 guidelines being met, if it is determined that hospital and/or incident rates remain at a manageable level for fourteen (14) days.

SECTION IX: This Proclamation shall become effective Friday, May 15, 2020, upon the signature of the Mayor.

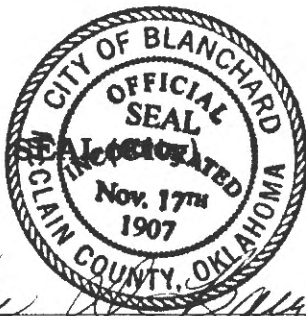
SECTION XI: Further, this Proclamation is subject to amendment if conditions so warrant.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLANCHARD, OKLAHOMA, this 14th day of May 2020.

Eddie Ooks

Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda A. Sand
City Clerk