

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus) a pandemic, and on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States issued an emergency declaration for the country in response to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases within the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little signed a declaration of emergency for the State of Idaho in response to concerns that cases of COVID-19 are imminent in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020 Mayor Darbey Edwards of New Meadows declared an emergency and that an imminent threat exists to the City of New Meadows from widespread and severe harm to the health of residents and visitors as addressed by the Centers for Disease Control and by actions of the Governor of the State of Idaho constituting a “disaster”; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020 the New Meadows City Council affirmed a disaster does exist by Resolution 260-2020; and

WHEREAS, the risk of community spread of COVID-10 impacts the life and health of the public and public health is imperiled by the person-to-person spread of COVID-19, and the reduction of opportunities for person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 is necessary to combat the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, both the Department of Health and Human Services Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the White House have recommended practices to prevent the rapid spread of COVID-19, including social distancing and on March 18, 2020, Governor Brad Little adopted these recommendations in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, CDC recommendations include that individuals practice social distancing by not gathering in groups of more than ten (10) people; that individuals maintain six feet (6’) of separation; and that organizations identify operations which might be limited or temporarily discontinued during the outbreak, and to find alternative solutions that will ensure continuity of service, especially for vulnerable populations. These policies, along with other information are available on the CDC’s Official COVID-19 website. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>).

WHEREAS, as of March 24, 2020 at 11:00 am there are 50 confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Idaho, and no confirmed cases within Adams County, and Meadows Valley as a whole continues to have visitors with unknown health issues, and COVID-19 is therefore an imminent threat and public health hazard to the citizens of New Meadows.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Darbey Edwards, Mayor of the City of New Meadows, Idaho, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the citizens of New Meadows and the common law authority to protect the public in the event of an emergency hereby order as follows:

1. **SOCIAL DISTANCING – REQUIRED.** That the proprietor, manager, or organizer of any indoor or outdoor venue, business, or event where ten (10) or more people are present, including but not limited to personal service facilities, coffee shops, bars, restaurants and stores must comply with the following social distancing requirements:
 - a. Persons may be invited into the venue, so long as such persons may be accommodated, whether seated or standing, in groups of no larger than ten (10) people.
 - b. Each group, and each member thereof, must be accommodated at least six feet (6') away from each and every other group or individuals, whether seated or standing, provided that immediate household members may sit or stand together.
 - c. Carry-out, drive-through, and delivery services shall be allowed, and personnel and employees are encouraged to take measures to maintain a distance of at least six feet (6') from the customer to whom they are delivering, and to practice all other CDC recommended measures.
 - d. Proprietors, managers or organizers must follow heightened cleanliness practices by disinfecting all frequently touched surfaces after human contact; and all staff must wash their hands frequently and in accordance with CDC guidelines, particularly after contact with potentially pathogenic sources.
2. **CLOSURE OF VENUE.** That if the proprietor, manager, or organizer of a venue or event is unable to comply with the social distancing requirements set forth in Section 1 of this order, the venue shall close to the public or the event is to be cancelled for the duration of this order and any subsequent extension thereof.
3. **EXEMPTIONS.**
 - a. That social distancing requirements set forth in Section 1 of this order shall not apply to grocery stores, farmer's markets, vegetable and fruit stands, sites providing social services, daycares, medical facilities or government agencies.
4. **NO COSTS.** That no person shall be entitled to recover from the City of New Meadows any costs incurred, or profits lost as may be alleged to be attributed to the enactment of this order.
5. **CITY OPERATIONS.** Certain city operations have been suspended, modified or cancelled
 - a. Certain meetings suspended – effective Monday March 23, 2020
 - i. Citizen Advisory Committee – 2nd Tuesdays
 - ii. Planning & Zoning Commission – 1st Mondays
 - iii. Airport Commission – 3rd Mondays
 - iv. Parks & Recreation – 4th Mondays
 - b. City Hall closed to public access – effective Monday March 23, 2020
 - c. Dorsey Warr Memorial Park Restroom facility closed – effective March 23, 2020

- d. City Council Meetings – City Council meetings shall be held via ZOOM or other electronic means. The public is invited to watch or call in to listen. – effective March 20, 2020
 - e. Utility Payments – All utility payments may be made via US Mail, drop box at City Hall or via telephone. Cash payment procedures shall be posted at the door of City Hall. – Effective Monday March 23, 2020
 - f. Late Fees & Disconnections of Water – Late fees are hereby issued a moratorium. Disconnections of water services will cease where water is currently turned on. Customers are encouraged to continue to make regular payments on their Water and Sewer utility accounts. – effective March 23, 2020
 - g. Inventory – City staff shall immediately inventory all safety equipment and supplies. This shall include spare H2O and Sewer parts and other hard to find items. City Staff are authorized to make purchases for needed supplies and equipment to help keep the citizens safe and to continue to provide safe and reliable utility services.
 - h. Events Cancelled –
 - i. The Annual Meadows Valley Easter Egg Hunt is hereby cancelled in its current format. – effective March 23, 2020
 - ii. The Annual Reduced Rabies Clinic is hereby cancelled – effective March 23, 2020
 - i. Annual Dog Licensing – Due date extended at least to April 30, 2020 – effective March 23, 2020
6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Emergency Order shall take affect at 12:00am on March 25, 2020 and shall remain in effect for 30 days unless it is terminated or modified at an earlier date.



Darbey Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Jacob M Qualls, City Clerk / Treasurer

