

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY  
BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ASH GROVE, MISSOURI DUE TO THE  
CORONAVIRUS AND AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY PROTOCOLS AND  
PRACTICES FOR THE CITY DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, medical professionals detected a novel coronavirus, now designated as “SARS-CoV-2,” which causes a disease known as “coronavirus disease 2019” abbreviated and popularly known as “COVID-19”; and

**WHEREAS** on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared an outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is spread person to person through direct or close proximate contact and presents an imminent threat of widespread illness; and

**WHEREAS**, three cases of COVID-19 have been diagnosed in Greene County, and in some COVID-19 can lead to severe illness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has recommended the cancellation or suspension of public gatherings with the exception of educational institutions, daycare facilities, and business operations, and Governor Parson, on March 15, 2020, has encouraged local governments to provide the same guidance; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ASH GROVE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS,  
THAT:**

**Section 1** – A local state of emergency is hereby declared pursuant to the Ash Grove Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP).

**Section 2** – Pursuant to the Local Emergency Operations Plan, this resolution is effective immediately on this day of March 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. and shall expire only upon further Order declaring the emergency no longer exists.

**Section 3** – A “public gathering” for purposes of this Ordinance shall be defined as a planned or spontaneous event with a number of people in attendance that could facilitate the spread of a communicable disease.

**Section 4** – The Board of Aldermen hereby prohibits any public gathering of 10 or more persons except for educational institutions, daycare facilities, and business operations in the city limits of Ash Grove, Missouri during the duration of the State of Emergency.

**Section 5** – During the duration of the State of Emergency the Board hereby authorizes the Mayor, after consultation with appropriate local, city, county, and state officials as determined within his discretion, to issue an order amending which public gatherings are prohibited, either in number or in type, if in his judgment the prohibition should be amended.

**Section 6** – No person shall fail, neglect, or refuse to comply with, or in any manner aid, assist, encourage or countenance the commission or perpetration of a violation of the prohibition or any subsequent order regarding public gatherings issued by the Mayor during the State of Emergency.

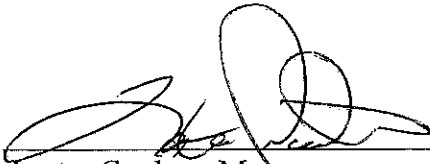
**Section 7** – During the duration of the State of Emergency the Board hereby authorizes the Mayor to suspend the purchasing policy in regards to COVID-19 emergency purchases.

**Section 8** – The Board of Aldermen hereby finds and declares that an emergency exists in that large public gatherings will facilitate the spread of a communicable disease, COVID-19, and therefore this resolution relates to the preservation of the public health and safety and will be in full force and effect from and after passage.

PASSED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 2020

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APPROVED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 2020

  
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Lester Gardner, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Mau". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Melissa Mau, City Clerk