

Declaration of Local State of Emergency

State of Illinois

City of Gillespie

Pursuant to the authority vested in the office of Mayor by the Illinois Municipal Code Section 5/11-1-6, and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act Section 3305/11 and local Ordinance, the Mayor of the City of Gillespie does hereby declare that a Local State of Emergency exists as of this date, March 16, 2020 and shall continue until such time as it may be terminated by subsequent action of the Mayor or subsequent action of the City Council of the City of Gillespie.

THERE ARE NO KNOWN LOCAL COVID-19 CASES KNOWN TO THE CITY OF GILLESPIE AS OF THE TIME OF THIS DECLARATION ON MARCH 16, 2020

However, in an abundance of caution, the Mayor has determined that preventative measures should be implemented immediately.

The nature of the emergency is related to the nationwide COVID-19 outbreak and local actions needed to limit local transmission of the virus and to address any outbreak in the future:

As of the date of this declaration, I have authorized and ordered that all previously scheduled events at the Civic Center be cancelled until further notice. This action is taken both to limit large gatherings of people and to keep the Civic Center available in the event of need for public emergencies. This action shall not apply to any elections or public meetings.

As of the date of this declaration, I have authorized and ordered that the front doors to the City Hall remain locked to the public. The City offices will remain open, available by telephone, and open to transact business by way of the drop box in front of City Hall as well as electronic forms of communication such as email and fax. This action shall not apply to dates and times of any public meetings.

As of the date of this declaration, any member of the public that would like to appear via teleconference at any upcoming public meeting may do so by getting on the agenda to do so and making arrangements to call in at the time of the meeting.

As of the date of this declaration, other steps are also being taken to safeguard employees of the City of Gillespie and to insure continuous operation of critical functions.

During the existence of the Local State of Emergency, the Mayor shall exercise such authority as provided under the Illinois Municipal Code, and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

This Declaration of Local State of Emergency shall be filed with the City Clerk as soon as practicable.

I, John Hicks, whose name is signed to this instrument, being first duly sworn, signed and executed the instrument as the Declaration of Local State of Emergency, and that I signed willingly, and that I executed it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed.

John Hicks

John Hicks, Mayor

WITNESS: *Francis Smith*, City Clerk