



VILLAGE OF WAGON MOUND RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04

DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF WAGON MOUND, MORA COUNTY

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham issued a directive to all local and state agencies to temporarily adjust certain functions, including person-to-person contact, in order to minimize public health risks due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak;

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham issued further directives, limiting the gathering of five (5) or more persons in public spaces;

WHEREAS, the Village of Wagon Mound has a commitment to ensure the safety of its employees and the public;

WHEREAS, the Village of Wagon Mound must ensure staff are taking necessary precautions to protect themselves, their families, co-workers and the public;

WHEREAS, public meetings may be cancelled delaying the progress of internal work operations;

WHEREAS, the Village of Wagon Mound will experience the workforce staying home due to illness themselves or to family members, there may be a need to provide compensation of Paid Emergency Administrative Leave;

WHEREAS, the Village of Wagon Mound has responded to the Federal and State Public Health Emergency regarding a change in internal operations effective March 18, 2020;


WHEREAS, the Emergency Operations Center was activated on a Level 4 capacity, as of 10:00 a.m. on March 23, 2020;

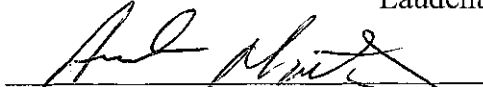
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laudente T. Quintana, Mayor of the Village of Wagon Mound, do hereby as part of this Emergency Declaration, order the Village departments to make adjustments to their operations and practice social distancing procedures in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID – 19, to include the following:

1. Closing the doors to public access of the Village office, closing Motor Vehicle Department services; but actively answering all phone calls and accepting payments of bills, correspondence, etc., via the “drop sheet” on the front door of the office;
2. Work schedules of the office staff will be adjusted to allow only five or less employees working at any given time;

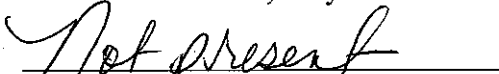
All actions will remain in effect until the Governor lifts all restrictions.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 14th day of April, 2020, by the Governing Body for the Village of Wagon Mound.


Laudente T. Quintana, Mayor

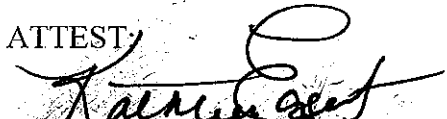

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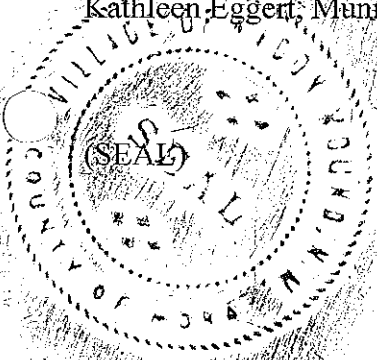

Adrian A. Clouthier, Councilor


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Acting Cabinet Secretary

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

DEPARTMENT MEMO

DATE: 3/20/2020

TO: John Bingaman, Office of the Governor

FROM: Matthew Stackpole, NMDHSEM General Counsel

SUBJECT: Local Municipalities Declaring an Emergency as Part of Their COVID-19 Response

I. Should Local Municipalities Create An Emergency Declaration as Part of their COVID-19 Response?

Yes. The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management strongly recommends that local municipalities declare an emergency and then submit that declaration to the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) within 30 days of the President's Federal Emergency Declaration on March 11, 2020. Due to the extreme nature of this event, a deadline of within 60 days may be expected in some cases.

The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) also recommends that local municipalities activate their local EOC.

II. Why Should the Local Municipalities Create an Emergency Declaration?

While it is not clear that the Federal Emergency Declaration requires local municipalities to create an Emergency Declaration, DHSEM strongly recommends that local municipalities do so. This will have the practical effect of local municipalities being able to make available their existing emergency funds. It will also have the additional benefit of clearly demonstrating the local municipalities' need for reimbursement (and potentially their exhausting of all local and surrounding resources) within the directives listed within the Federal Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide.

It should be clearly communicated that no upfront costs are going to be received, rather, New Mexico can expect to receive 75% reimbursement on all actual and eligible Category B (Emergency Protective Measures) costs. See 42 U.S.C.A. § 5193. Eligible emergency protective measures listed in the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide include, but are not limited to:

- i. Transporting and pre-positioning equipment and other resources for response
- ii. Emergency Operation Center (EOC)-related costs
- iii. Supplies and commodities
- iv. Medical care and transport
- v. Evacuation and sheltering, including that provided by another State or Tribal government
- vi. Child care
- vii. Safety inspections
- viii. Security, such as barricades, fencing, or law enforcement
- ix. Use or lease of temporary generators for facilities that provide essential community services
- x. Dissemination of information to the public to provide warnings and guidance about health and safety hazards using various strategies, such as flyers, public service announcements, or newspaper campaigns
- xi. Searching to locate and recover human remains
- xii. Storage and interment of unidentified human remains

By local municipalities declaring an emergency it allows the State of New Mexico to ensure compliance with FEMA's Public Assistance Program Guide, and helps to justify local municipalities costs associated with responding to the COVID-19 emergency. Furthermore, in the event that the State of New Mexico makes a Major Disaster Declaration, the above documentation is required by FEMA, and its absence could delay critical emergency funding.

Conclusion:

DHSEM recommends the local municipalities:

- a. Draft an emergency declaration.
- b. Execute the declaration.
- c. Submit the declaration to nm.eoc@state.nm.us
- d. Activate their EOC.
- e. Track all costs through the forms and spreadsheets that have been provided by the Recovery Unit at SEOC (DHSEM).