

March 16, 2020

The City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, met in special session at its regular meeting place in the Council Chambers, Sulphur, Louisiana, on March 16, 2020 at 8:00 a.m., after full compliance with the convening of said meeting with the following members present:

DRU ELLENDER, Council Representative of District 1  
MIKE KOONCE, Council Representative of District 2  
MELINDA HARDY, Council Representative of District 3  
JOY ABSHIRE, Council Representative of District 4

ABSENT: MANDY THOMAS, Council Representative of District 5

After the meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above result, prayer was led by Mrs. Ellender, followed with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Abshire.

The only item on the agenda is an ordinance declaring a public emergency for the outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the city of Sulphur and provide for all necessary funding. Mayor Danahay stated that if we are going to incur any costs related to the COVID-19 we have to declare a public emergency so we can get reimbursed through the federal government. At this time, we haven't incurred any costs. Any costs associated with this emergency ordinance will have to be well documented in order to get reimbursed.

Motion was made by Mr. Koonce seconded by Mrs. Abshire that they declare a public emergency for the outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the city of Sulphur and provide for all necessary funding.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Thomas

And it was deemed declared a public emergency on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

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ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

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MELINDA HARDY, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mr. Koonce seconded by Mrs. Ellender that the following ordinance be introduced:

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A PUBLIC EMERGENCY FOR THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19 AND THE EFFECTS OF ITS EXTREME RISK OF PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSMISSION THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF SULPHUR AND PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY FUNDING.**

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Thomas

And the said ordinance was declared introduced on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

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ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

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MELINDA HARDY, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mrs. Ellender seconded by Mrs. Abshire that the following ordinance be adopted to-wit:

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY**

**In order to minimize the outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the City of Sulphur, immediate emergency action is required to minimize the potential effects to the population in the City of Sulphur.**

**In March 2020, the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak as a worldwide pandemic and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is responding to an outbreak of a respiratory disease caused by COVID-19.**

**The Sulphur Home Rule Charter, in Section 2-14 (A) Emergency Ordinances, provides that to meet the public emergency affecting life, health, property or public safety, the Council, by a favorable vote of a majority of the authorized membership may adopt an emergency ordinance at the meeting at which it is introduced. Such emergency ordinance shall contain a specific statement of the emergency claimed. After adoption, the ordinance shall be printed and published as prescribed for other approved ordinances.**

**Therefore, a public emergency is hereby declared by the Mayor and City Council as of Monday, March 16, 2020, giving emergency powers to deal with the COVID-19 and ensuring that preparations to deal with such emergency will be at highest concern for the lives of the citizens of Sulphur.**

**Signed this 16th day of March, 2020.**

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**Mayor Mike Danahay**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 1665, M-C SERIES**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A PUBLIC EMERGENCY FOR THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19 AND THE EFFECTS OF ITS EXTREME RISK OF PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSMISSION THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF SULPHUR AND PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY FUNDING.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that based on the recommendation of Mayor Mike Danahay, a Public Emergency is hereby declared in the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, to minimize the potential effects to the population in the City of Sulphur and provide all necessary funding in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

At this time the Chairman offered public comment. The following people spoke against the ordinance:

- Donnie Fuslier, Craig Ellender

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mr. Koonce, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Thomas

And the said ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

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ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

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MELINDA HARDY, Chairman

With there being no other business to come before the Council, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

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MELINDA HARDY, Chairman

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8:08 A.M.