

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER No. 20-01

SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

March 17, 2020

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 16, 2020 the Mayor of the city of Boise City, Lauren McLean, declared a local disaster emergency, as per the Disaster Preparedness Act (Title 46, Chapter 10 of the Idaho Code), in the city of Boise City due to the threat that COVID-19 poses to the health and welfare of the residents of Boise City, and on March 17, 2020, the Boise City Council ratified and extended the Declaration of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the Council for the city of Boise City adopted an ordinance enacting a new Chapter 15 to Title 1, setting forth the authority, purpose, and intent of emergency powers to address the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the risk of community spread throughout the city of Boise City 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 the person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 in meetings and other gatherings is necessary to combat the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, both the Department of Health and Human Services Centers 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. The recommendations include that individuals practice social distancing by not gathering in groups of more than ten (10) people. The policies, along with other information, are available on the CDC's official COVID-19 website. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>). Additionally, as of March 18, 2020 there are eleven (11) confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Idaho, three (3) of which are within Ada County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren McLean, Mayor of the City of Boise, Idaho, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Boise City Code Title 1, Chapter 15, and the common law authority to protect the public in the event of an emergency order as follows:

Section 1. In light of these guidelines and in accordance with Boise City Code Section 1-15-08, I hereby suspend meetings of the following City of Boise commissions and committees:

- Airport Commission (B.C.C. Title 2, Chapter 2);
- Parks and Recreation Commission (B.C.C. Title 2, Chapter 3);
- Planning and Zoning Commission (B.C.C. Title 2, Chapter 4);
- Design Review Committee (B.C.C. Title 11, Chapter 2);
- Historic Preservation Commission (B.C.C. Title 11, Chapter 2);
- Development and Impact Fee Advisory Committee (B.C.C. Title 2, Chapter 5);
- Public Works Commission (B.C.C. Title 2, Chapter 6);
- Arts and History Commission (B.C.C. Title 2, Chapter 8);
- Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee (B.C.C. Title 2, Chapter 9);
- Open Space and Clean Water Advisory Committee (B.C.C. Title 2, Chapter 11);
- Ethics Commission (B.C.C. Title 2, Chapter 12);
- Accessible Parking Commission (B.C.C. Title 2, Chapter 13);
- Neighbors in Need Trust Fund Advisory Board (B.C.C. Title 2, Chapter 14);
- Building Board of Appeals (B.C.C. Title 9, Chapter 1)
- Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Board (B.C.C. Title 9, Chapter 4 and Title 9, Chapter 7);
- Special Events Team (B.C.C. Title 3, Chapter 17), and
- Electrical Board of Appeal (B.C.C. Title 9, Chapter 5).

Section 2. In accordance with Boise City Code Section 1-15-10, any person who knowingly violates the provisions of Section 1 of this order shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 3. This Emergency Order shall take effect immediately, and in accordance with Boise City Code Section 1-15-06(E), shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days, and may be extended upon approval of Boise City Council.


Lauren McLean, Mayor