PROCLAMATION
TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE
MAYOR STEPHANIE IRWIN


WHEREAS, Governor Doug Ducey and Superintendent Kathy Hoffman, on March 15, 2020, announced a statewide closure of Arizona schools from Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in accordance with its guidance for large events and mass gatherings, recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 10 people or more throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious public health threat for infectious disease spread to Town of Pinetop-Lakeside residents and visitors if proper precautions recommended by public health are not followed; and

WHEREAS, throughout the nation and State of Arizona, public health and health care systems have identified precautions and interventions that can mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure the spread of COVID-19 is controlled and that the residents of the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside remain safe and healthy; and
WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside is authorized by the Pinetop-Lakeside Town Code Chapter § 8.06.020 Emergency Management Authority/Service/Planning Mayor’s authority, and by A.R.S. § 26-311, to declare an emergency; and

WHEREAS, during the emergency, the Mayor shall govern by proclamation and have the authority to preserve the peace and order of the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, including but not limited to:

- Imposing curfews;
- Ordering the closing of any business;
- Closing to public access any public building, street, or other public place;
- Call upon regular or auxiliary law enforcement agencies and organizations within or without the Town for assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephanie Irwin Mayor of the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State and the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside Code, do hereby proclaim that the COVID-19 outbreak presents conditions in the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside which may be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, and thus justifies a declaration of emergency; accordingly, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-311 and Town of Pinetop-Lakeside Town Code Chapter § 8.06.020 Emergency Management Authority/Service/Planning Mayor’s authority I do hereby:

1. Determine and deem that an emergency exists due to the COVID-19 pandemic which presents conditions which could be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside; and

2. Declare that the Mayor of the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside shall, during such emergency, govern by proclamation and shall have the authority to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside; and

3. Declare that during this emergency, the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside shall have full power to provide mutual aid to any affected area in accordance with local ordinances, resolutions, emergency plans or agreements therefor; and
4. Request assistance of the County of Navajo, the State of Arizona, and the Federal Government of the United States of America; and

5. Order and direct that public access be closed at the following public facilities in Pinetop-Lakeside: the public library and Visitor Center in the interests of preserving the public health and preventing the spread of the disease, and

6. Order and Direct that all town-scheduled activities creating a gathering of people of the town shall be canceled and that rental and use of town facilities to private parties for events and meetings shall be canceled and fees refunded; and

7. Order and direct that all out-of-state requests for town-business travel shall be denied unless summoned by court order or discretionary case by case for moving intergovernmental projects of the town forward or similar unavoidable circumstance; and

8. All businesses are encouraged to follow the current protocols of the Arizona Department of Public Health Services and to limit large gatherings on their premises and to mitigate the potential for transmission, including using delivery services, drive-through service, social distancing, limit four patrons to a table, place tables six feet apart and reduce the number of occupied tables. We encourage everyone to be measured in the purchasing of goods.

9. Restaurants should maintain high hygiene standards, require frequent handwashing between customer interactions and check workers for symptoms before they come to work.

10. Order, direct and authorize the Town Manager to implement any procedures and take any action he deems necessary to carry out the intent of this Proclamation including (without limitation) the power to authorize emergency procurements.

11. Public meetings will be procedurally modified as follows until the emergency declared herein abates and is withdrawn, or a subsequent Proclamation is issued with amendments:

   a. No general public shall attend the meeting in person.
b. Those necessary for attendance for an agenda item will be allowed to attend in limited numbers.
c. Meetings will be livestreamed on the internet via Facebook, allowing the public to observe the meetings as required by the Open Meeting Law.
d. Those wishing to comment on an agenda item or call to the public will be allowed to message via Facebook livestreaming.

Anyone who knowingly fails or refuses to obey the orders issued in this Proclamation shall be guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor as authorized by A.R.S. § 26-317.

This declaration and order shall remain in full force and effect until amended or terminated by further order of the Mayor or Town Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona.

Done at the Town Hall of Pinetop-Lakeside, this 17th day of March 2020.

TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE

[Signature]
Stephanie Irwin
Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Jill Akins, CMC
Town Clerk