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## South Jordan Declares State of Emergency

**SOUTH JORDAN, UT** – South Jordan Mayor Dawn R. Ramsey signed a Declaration of Emergency on the evening of March, 13, 2020.

In light of the recent announcements from the Governor, including the closing of schools statewide, the City of South Jordan is taking steps to help stem the spread of COVID-19 while continuing to provide essential city services.

“While we have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in South Jordan, we want to proactively do our part to fight the spread of this virus. In South Jordan, the safety of our residents is paramount and we will do everything we can to help keep them safe,” said Mayor Ramsey. “This declaration helps us do that.”

All essential city functions will continue, including water, utilities, police and fire.

“This declaration gives the City flexibility in operations, which allows South Jordan to continue providing essential city services and flexibility in staffing, including having more employees work from home, especially while our schools are closed,” said Mayor Ramsey.

South Jordan has already closed several facilities for two weeks, including the Gale Center Museum and the South Jordan Community Center. The South Jordan Fitness & Aquatics Center will close at the end of normal hours on Saturday.

“We will continue to update our residents about additional closures and any changes in city services as this situation evolves,” said South Jordan Public Information Officer Rachael Van Cleave.

Those updates can be found at <https://www.sjc.utah.gov/cityservicesupdate/>.

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**PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND INVOKING  
EMERGENCY POWERS IN THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN**

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, the Governor's Task Force (the "Task Force") on the COVID-19 Pandemic issued recommendations to all Utah citizens which affect the City of South Jordan's operations and services.

**WHEREAS**, in general the Task Force recommends that until March 30, 2020, no gatherings of 100 or more healthy individuals,

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force recommends individuals over 60, or immunocompromised should avoid gatherings of more than 20 individuals,

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force recommends those that are sick should stay home, and employers should allow work from home whenever possible,

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force recommends coordination with local health departments and working with high risk populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force recommendations impacts the City's ability to provide life safety and general City services such as police, fire, EMS, water, streets, senior and recreation programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "high", and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Utah Department of Health recognizes COVID-19 as an imminent threat to the health and safety of the residents of Utah; and

**WHEREAS**, the Utah Department of Health recognizes that confirmed community transmission in the United States significantly increases the risk of exposure and infection to the State of Utah's general public and creating an extreme public health risk that may spread quickly; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of COVID-19 is disrupting the City's ability to provide services and these conditions have the potential to worsen and immediate attention is necessary to combat the threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of South Jordan; and

**WHEREAS**, the mobilization of local resources, ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, and use mutual aid will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions create a "State of Emergency" according to State and local laws and in the opinion of the South Jordan Mayor and City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH:**

1. A state of Emergency exists or is eminent in the City of South Jordan.
2. The emergency powers and operations of the City of South Jordan are hereby invoked.
3. The City Manager is granted the authority to amend suspend or modify City personnel, purchasing, and other policies and procedures as necessary during the emergency.
5. The City Manager is granted the authority to cancel or change City functions including events and programs.
6. Regular meetings of the City Council and City commissions, committees, and boards may be suspended, postponed, or rescheduled by the Mayor after advising the City Council.
7. The City Manager is granted the authority to enter into short term interlocal agreements.
8. This Proclamation shall become effective immediately and be declared to be ongoing and continuing for no more than thirty days unless extended pursuant to governing law.

Dated this 13 day of March, 2020.

Mayor: *Dawn R. Ramsey*  
Dawn R. Ramsey

Attest: *Melanie*  
Deputy City Recorder

Approved as to form:  
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Office of the City Attorney

