



# COMMISSION ORDER

STATE OF MISSOURI }  
County of Franklin } ss.

Thursday, March 19, 2020  
Order

## IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING LIMITS ON PUBLIC GATHERINGS

**WHEREAS**, County of Franklin, Missouri, is being impacted by the worldwide spread of COVID-19 which may, in time, impact the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States and the governor of the State of Missouri, have both declared States of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March, 17, 2020 the County Commission of the County of Franklin, Missouri adopted Commission Order 2020-123 declaring a State of Emergency in the County of Franklin, Missouri effective 6:00 p.m. on March 17, 2020 and remaining in effect until 12:00 noon on April 17, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, it is likely the disease will eventually spread in Franklin County; and

**WHEREAS**, the spread of infectious diseases poses a significant risk to the health, safety and wellbeing of the people of the County of Franklin, Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commission of the County of Franklin, Missouri has the authority pursuant to the provisions of state law including, but not limited to, Section 192.300 RSMo. to make and promulgate orders, rules or regulations, respectively as will tend to enhance the public health and prevent the entrance of infectious, contagious, communicable or dangerous diseases into the County of Franklin, Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, after the promulgation and adoption of such orders, rules or regulations by the County Commission of the County of Franklin, Missouri the County Commission shall make and enter an order or record declaring such orders, rules or regulations to be printed and available for distribution to the public in the Office of the County Clerk, and shall require a copy of such order to be published in some newspaper in the County in three successive weeks, not later than thirty days after the entry of such order, rule or regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (the "CDC") has determined that large events and mass gatherings can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States via travelers who attend these events and introduce the virus to new communities. Examples of large events and mass gatherings include conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings, and other types of assemblies; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC has provided interim guidance intended for organizers and staff responsible for planning mass gatherings or large community events in the United States and has defined a "mass gathering" as a planned or spontaneous event with a large number of people in attendance that could strain the planning and response resources of the community hosting the event, such as a concert, festival, conference, or sporting event; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC has developed recommended actions for preventing the spread of COVID-19 at mass gatherings and large community events; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC recommends limitations on the size of gatherings.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED**, by the County Commission of the County of Franklin, Missouri, that it is hereby declared unlawful for any person to organize or to attend an intentional gathering of ten (10) people or more in a single space or room for the period commencing at 6:00 p.m. March 19, 2020 and ending at 6:00 p.m. April 3, 2020.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that, for the period commencing at 6:00 p.m. March 19, 2020 and ending at 6:00 p.m. April 3, 2020 any person who organizes a gathering of fewer than ten (10) people shall take appropriate action to minimize risk to the greatest extent possible by implementing and enforcing mitigation measures, including but not limited to social distancing, limiting the time period of gatherings, frequent cleaning of all surfaces, and posting of signs.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that commencing at 6:01 p.m. on April 3, 2020 it is hereby declared unlawful for any person to organize or to attend an intentional gathering of fifty (50) people or more in a single space or room.

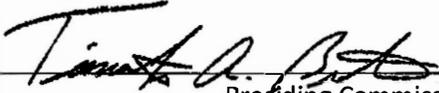
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that, for the period commencing at 6:01 p.m. April 3, 2020 any person who organizes a gathering of fewer than fifty (50) people shall take appropriate action to minimize risk to the greatest extent possible by implementing and enforcing mitigation measures, including but not limited to social distancing, limiting the time period of gatherings, frequent cleaning of all surfaces, and posting of signs.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that this Order shall not apply to school attendance, places of employment, grocery stores, retail stores, or any activity that a court of competent jurisdiction holds cannot constitutionally be closed in these specific circumstances.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that this Order shall be effective as of 6:00 p.m. on March 19, 2020 and remain in effect until 12:00 noon on April 17, 2020 unless otherwise rescinded or extended.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that if any part of this Commission Order is invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of this Order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that a copy of this Order be provided to Tim Baker, County Clerk, and that a copy of this order be printed in the Missourian for three successive weeks commencing immediately upon the adoption of this Order.

  
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Presiding Commissioner

  
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Commissioner of 1<sup>st</sup> District

  
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Commissioner of 2<sup>nd</sup> District