

TOWN OF WELSH
Mayor's Executive Order
DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF
THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF WELSH.

WHEREAS, in order to minimize the outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the Town of Welsh, immediate emergency action is required to minimize the potential to the population in the Town of Welsh.

WHEREAS, 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.

WHEREAS, a declaration of emergency is necessary to allow the Town of Welsh to thoroughly prepare for and respond to this pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Carolyn Louviere, Mayor of the Town of Welsh, Louisiana, by the authority vested by the laws of the State of Louisiana and Welsh Code of Ordinances, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: A state of emergency is declared to exist in the Town of Welsh as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak as a worldwide pandemic.

SECTION 2: The following procedures will be made to protect the public safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Welsh:

- All employees will hereby be allowed to receive overtime pay, including but not limited to any supervisor or salary personnel.
- The purchase of additional supplies.
- Suspending the provisions of any municipality regulatory ordinance prescribing the procedures for conduct of local business, or the orders, rules or regulations of any municipal agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency.
- Utilizing all available resources of the municipality as reasonably necessary to cope with the emergency.
- Transferring the direction, personnel, or functions of municipal departments and agencies or units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services.
- Controlling ingress and egress to and from the affected area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein.

SECTION 3: Due to the extreme emergency the Town of Welsh has declared an emergency caused by the COVID-19 outbreak the provisions of the Louisiana Revised Statute concerning public bid law for the purchases and acquisitions listed are waived.

SECTION 4: The declaration of the public emergency shall be published in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute as required by law.

SECTION 5: This Executive Order is effective from March 19, 2020 and shall continue until such time as amended, modified or terminated.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand in Welsh, Louisiana,
on this the 19th day of March, 2020.

CAROLYN LOUVIERE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK