

**Executive Order and Declaration of a Local  
State of Emergency Effective March 20, 2020  
City of Morganfield, Kentucky**

Whereas, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), beginning on January 27, 2020; and

Whereas, there are numerous confirmed lab cases of COVID-19 throughout the United States; and

Whereas, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; 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;

Whereas, on March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear entered Executive Order 2020-2015 and declared a state of emergency in response to COVID-19 upon the first diagnosis of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth;

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a National State of Emergency in response to COVID-19; and

Whereas, the situation creates a considerable hardship for the citizens of Morganfield;

Whereas, local government has the responsibility to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the community, and to mitigate the effects of such events; and

Whereas, it is necessary for the City to coordinate an emergency effort with national, state, county, and other local agencies for maximum effective response.

Now Therefore, I, J. Randy Greenwell, Mayor of the City of Morganfield, Kentucky, by the authority vested in me by KRS 39A.100(2), and KRS 39B.070 do hereby declare a State of Emergency exists in the City of Morganfield, Kentucky for the period beginning on March 20, 2020 and continuing until further notice. I shall be exercising the authority granted to me through Executive Orders, and through utilization of city personnel, services, equipment, and any necessary acts to manage this emergency.

Further, I direct the following:

1. The Local Emergency Operations Plan be fully executed;
2. The Union County Emergency Management Director shall direct Emergency Management to provide such assistance as can be delivered from available local resources and shall coordinate all agencies of local government to provide assistance to the City of Morganfield.

3. Subject to any orders of Governor Andy Beshear, I hereby order and direct any and all departments of the City of Morganfield to coordinate and cooperate with the Union County Health Department, Kentucky Department for Public Health, any federal agencies to respond to the threat presented by the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 by exercising the powers articulated in KRS Chapter 39A and 39B and to provide information to individuals, businesses, organizations, and other entities to best prepare and respond to the COVID-19 State of Emergency Declaration. All departments of the City of Morganfield shall cooperate to the fullest extent with Union County Emergency Management and shall provide such assistance as may be required for response to this emergency; and departments and agencies which are called upon to respond to such emergency shall include, but not be limited to, Kentucky Utilities, City of Morganfield Gas Department, City of Morganfield Water Department, City of Morganfield Public Works, City of Morganfield Police and Fire Departments, Emergency Communications and City of Morganfield Parks and Recreation Department.
4. Under this State of Emergency, as provided in KRS 39A.100(2), KRS 39B.070 and 45A.380(1), I may waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by the law pertaining to a) performance of public work, b) by entering into contracts, c) incurring obligations, d) employment of permanent and temporary workers, e) utilization of volunteer workers, f) rental of equipment, and g) appropriation and expenditure of public funds.
5. Under the State of Emergency, as provided in KRS 39A.100(2)(c), I may establish curfews and establish their limits.
6. Under this State of Emergency, I may exercise any other authority as permitted and articulated in KRS 39A and 39B.

This Declaration of State of Emergency shall remain in effect until terminated by the issuance of another Executive Order when I determine that a state of emergency no longer exists and the exercise of extraordinary measures are no longer required for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

  
J. Randy Greenwell, Mayor  
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March 20, 2020  
Date

Gary Vetter  
Gary Vetter, City Administrator

March 20, 2020  
Date