



SIMPSON COUNTY FISCAL COURT

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Executive Order 2020-03-17

DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

March 17, 2020

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

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, a case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Kentucky and on the same date, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth due to confirmed cases in Central Kentucky and the possible community spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identified the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally and in the United States as "high", and has advised that spread of the virus will continue globally and in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Barren River Regional Health Department has issued public guidance to limit non-essential public gatherings and events supported by the evidence to mitigate the spread to and throughout Simpson County of COVID19; and

WHEREAS, the Barren River Regional Health Department has trained personnel and resources to assist the state and local authorities in the protection of life, public health and safety, and may need additional personnel and resources in coordinating a response to this emergency; and

WHEREAS, Simpson County Fiscal Court has the responsibility to plan, prepare, coordinate agencies and to protect the public health, safety and welfare of our citizens, and to mitigate the effects and impact of this emergency; and

WHEREAS, Simpson County Fiscal Court and our partners across the community are working to coordinate with each other, and with federal, state and local agencies to provide the maximum effective response to this emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mason Barnes, Judge/Executive of Simpson County, which includes the City of Franklin, by the authority vested in me by K.R.S. Chapter 39A do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in Simpson County for the period beginning March 17, 2020, and continuing, and direct that:

1. The local Emergency Operations Plan shall be fully executed; and
2. The Emergency Management Director shall direct the Emergency Services to provide such assistance as can be delivered from available local resources and shall coordinate all agencies of local government to provide assistance to Simpson County; and
3. All departments and agencies of Simpson County including all interlocal governmental agencies shall coordinate and cooperate to the fullest extent possible with Emergency Management, the Barren River District Health Department, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and any federal agencies including the Small Business Administration and shall provide such assistance as may be required for response and recovery to this emergency; and
4. Under this State of Emergency, as provided in KRS 39A.100(2) the Judge/Executive can waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by the law pertaining to; a) performance of public work, b) entering into contracts, c) incurring obligations, d) employment of permanent and temporary workers, e) utilization of volunteer workers, f) rental of equipment, g) appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

WHEREFORE, this Declaration of a local emergency in Simpson County shall remain in effect until terminated by issuance of another Executive Order when determined 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.

Ordered by: 
Simpson County Judge Executive, Mason Barnes

Date: 3/17/2020

