



PROCLAMATION
Supporting the Reopening of Queen Creek Businesses
May 6, 2020

WHEREAS, the Town of Queen Creek (Town) has continued to actively plan and implement measures to prevent the spread of Coronavirus ("COVID-19"), to prepare for any and all emergency actions in response to the spread of COVID-19, and prepare for a successful and expeditious by our citizens, local businesses, and the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Orders, including those cited below, do not prohibit working from home, operating a single owner business with no in-person, on-site public interaction, or restaurants and food services providing delivery or take-away services, so long as proper physical distancing and sanitation measures are established and implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Orders recognize that Arizonans are already acting responsibly during this public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, effective physical distancing and proper hygiene can be accomplished through personal responsibility and it is each person's individual duty to protect themselves, their families and the community; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak on January 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Arizona declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the State of Arizona prepare for broader spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Governor's Executive Orders, and A.R.S. § 26-307, no county, city or town may make or issue any order, rule or regulation that conflicts with the policy, directives or intent of this Executive Order, including any order, rule or regulation that limits an individual from conducting, participating in or receiving Essential Services, Essential Activities or Non-essential Services as set forth in the Governor's Executive Orders.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, PROCLAIMED, AND DECLARED as follows:

Section 1. The Queen Creek Town Council recognizes that the Constitution is the supreme law of the land that shall not be suspended during times of emergency and, in accordance with our Oath of Office, will always support and defend the rights and liberties enshrined within it.

Section 2. The Queen Creek Town Council urges Governor Ducey to remove the remaining business operating restrictions and accelerate the reopening for all businesses in the State.

Section 3. The Town will take all possible efforts to facilitate a successful and immediate return to business in Queen Creek.

Section 4. The Town will make available a portal on its website at www.QueenCreek.org/ImpactedBusinesses for businesses suffering economic hardship due to the government-mandated closures so that the Town may communicate your unique story to the Governor's office and keep them apprised of the damage caused by a sustained partial shutdown.

Section 5. The Town will continue its efforts to assist businesses and residents in Queen Creek to recover from the impacts of COVID-19, including without limitation:

- Providing timely information on the Town's website regarding resources available for local businesses and residents, such as lists of hiring employers, stores with special hours for the elderly, and lists and a map of restaurants providing takeout/delivery service;
- Publishing a weekly newsletter with resource information for Queen Creek businesses and stakeholders which is sent to over 500 individuals;
- Reaching out to individual businesses to understand their specific needs and collecting consistent data that will support recovery plans and actions moving forward;
- Actively promoting businesses and any specials, new products and new services being offered; and
- Provide reasonable regulatory relief pertaining to signage, expedited permitting, business licensing accommodations;
- Developing a Recovery Plan, including evaluating how the Town can assist restaurants when they reopen at a reduced capacity.

Section 6. Complying with guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Arizona Department of Health Services for proper physical or social distancing, and/or proper hygiene and taking precautions to protect against the spread of the COVID-19 is the personal responsibility of the individuals and businesses in Queen Creek.

Section 7. That this Declaration shall remain in full force and effect coextensive with the applicable Governor’s Executive Orders or until amended or terminated by order of the Mayor.

WITNESS MY HAND this 6th day of May 2020.


Gail Barney, Mayor


ATTEST: Maria E. Gonzalez, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

Scott A. Holcomb
Scott A. Holcomb (May 7, 2020)
Scott A. Holcomb, Town Attorney