

Resolution No. 20-1000

DECLARING TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, President Trump has declared a National State of Emergency based on the impact of COVID-19 becoming a pandemic event; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ivey has also declared a State of Emergency as relates to COVID-19 in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Town of Walnut Grove, Alabama Officials and Personnel in partnership with out regional partners and especially the Etowah County Infectious Diseases Task Force have been proactive beginning March 17, 2020 addressing the COVID-19 impacts; and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Walnut Grove Council on advice of Emergency Management Personnel determines to immediately take further action in this emergency circumstance on a continuing basis to address the COVID-19 impacts on our town and community; and to further declare a State of Emergency in Walnut Grove, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that Town of Walnut Grove emergency management personnel and other Town Departments are authorized to expend Town of Walnut Grove Funds for additional personnel, supplies and equipment as needed, so that action can be taken without delay to protect the lives and the safety of our residents and visitors to our town; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious public health risk to our town stemming from it being a novel respiratory disease, impacting our Town Services, impacting Utility Department Services, impacting our Schools, impacting our Businesses, and impacting our Industrial Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the extent and level of impact from COVID-19 cannot be determined at present and Town Departments need the authority and funding to react promptly and without delay at this critical time;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Walnut Grove, Alabama that it hereby declares a State of Emergency in Walnut Grove, Alabama with the Mayor and Town Departments, with the guidance of the Purchasing Department and the Human Resources Department, authorized to expend Walnut Grove funds and use additional personnel hours necessary to respond to the impacts of COVID-19 (some known and unknown) in our town and community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Walnut Grove Council and the Mayor, Police Chief and Walnut Grove Departments, are to coordinate the work with Etowah County Emergency Management Agency and other appropriate Agencies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the town council determines this action is required in order to be proactive in continuing the previous work of our Officials and Personnel in the future;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Departments are requested and authorized to record the additional expenses incurred in the past and future as a result of the COVID-19 impacts; and seek reimbursement to the extent provided and authorized by Federal and State Laws

ADOPTED this 17 day of March 2020.

ACKNOWLEDGED and APPROVED:



Mayor Autry Works



Attest: Town Clerk Kelly Hollingsworth