

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS  
RESOLUTION NO. 20-03**

A RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY CLOSING THE HIGHLAND MUNICIPAL COURT, ACKNOWLEDGING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE STATE OF KANSAS; IN RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-16 AND KANSAS SUPREME COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-PR-31.

WHEREAS, securing the health and safety of residents and employees of the City of Highland is the top priority of the City of Highland governing body; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic of COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and


WHEREAS, a State of Disaster Emergency for COVID-19 was proclaimed for the State of Kansas on March 12, 2020; and

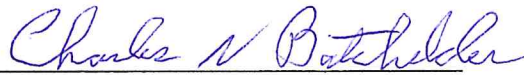
WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Kansas issued Executive Order No. 20-16, establishing a statewide "stay home" order in conjunction with the Kansas Essential Function Framework for COVID-19 response efforts; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the Kansas Supreme Court issued Administrative Order 2020-PR-31, suspending certain deadlines and time limitations in Kansas municipal courts due to the COVID-19 emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health and safety of residents and municipal court employees, officers and participants, the Highland City Council does hereby resolve and declare that the Highland Municipal Court shall be closed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, effective as of the date of this resolution, and shall remain closed until such time as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court issues further orders regarding municipal courts or until such time as the Court is reopened by the council rescinding this resolution or by the order of the Highland Municipal Judge, after consideration of the circumstances in place at the state and local level at that time. This order temporarily closing the Highland Municipal Court shall not preclude the Court from determining probable cause for persons arrested without a warrant; conducting first appearances; setting appearance bonds and conditions of release; issuing arrest warrants and undertaking such other business of the Court as is appropriate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Mayor of City of Highland, Kansas has hereunto set his hand and caused to be affixed to this Resolution, the Seal of said city, this 8th day of April, 2020.

Attest:   
Joann Karn, City Clerk

  
Charles N. Batchelder, Mayor