

DECLARATION 2020-1

CITY OF TONTITOWN, WASHINGTON COUNTY

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
FOR THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS**

WHEREAS, Mayor Paul Colvin, Jr. is the duly elected Mayor of the City of Tontitown, Washington County, Arkansas;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson issued an Executive Order to Declare a State of Emergency due to the outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) across the United States and in Arkansas;

WHEREAS, public schools and universities across the state have been closed due to this State of Emergency and further orders by Governor Hutchinson;

WHEREAS, the disease is known spread from person to person contact;

WHEREAS, public events, meetings, and gatherings have been cancelled throughout the state of Arkansas due to the continued transmission of the disease;

WHEREAS, businesses throughout the state of Arkansas have closed or have employees working from home in order to limit the transmission of the disease;

WHEREAS, continued public events, meetings, and gatherings pose an immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of the general public, and the Governor has ordered that gatherings in excess of 10 persons are prohibited with a few exceptions;

WHEREAS, the City of Tontitown, Arkansas, has the authority under Arkansas law to use police powers to protect the health, safety and welfare of citizens and the general public;

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 12-75-108 provides that a local disaster emergency may be declared by the chief executive of a local political subdivision; and


WHEREAS, a disaster emergency declaration is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Tontitown Arkansas.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY DECLARED:

1. A declaration of a disaster emergency (“Declaration”) is hereby declared for the City of Tontitown, Arkansas.
2. The Declaration is in effective immediately and shall continue in effect for thirty (30) days until modified, extended or ceased. Specific orders or rules may be issued under the Declaration in the form of Executive Orders.

3. All powers and authority under Ark. Code Ann. § 12-75-108 are in effect, including the power to suspend the provision of any local regulatory ordinance or regulation for up to thirty (30) days if strict compliance with the ordinance or regulation provisions would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary actions to cope with this disaster emergency.

IT IS THEREFORE HEREBY DECLARED AND ORDERED, on this 7 day of April, 2020.



Paul Colvin, Jr., Mayor
City of Tontitown, Arkansas



