GARDEN CITY MAYOR’S DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all citizens of the City of Garden City is of the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been identified as a respiratory disease which can result in serious illness or death. The threat of COVID-19 is imminent to the State of Idaho and the City of Garden City; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1011 allows the Mayor of a city to declare a local disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1002(2) defines “disaster” as the “imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or manmade cause, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, windstorm, wave action, volcanic activity, explosion, riot, or hostile military or paramilitary action and including acts of terrorism;” and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1002(3) provides that an “emergency” includes the imminent threat of a “disaster” or condition threatening life or property which requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect property or avert or lessen the threat of “disaster;” and

WHEREAS, a Local Disaster Emergency, as defined in Idaho Code §§ 46-1002(2) and (3) exists in the City of Garden City due to the imminent threat to life and health by the international outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, a declaration activates the response and recovery aspects of applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans for the furnishing of aid and assistance; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 67-2808 authorizes the Council of the City of Garden City to declare an emergency and that the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money without compliance with formal bidding procedures; and

WHEREAS, an emergency declaration must be filed with the county recorder’s office and “given prompt and general publicity.”

NOW THEREFORE, I, John G. Evans, the Mayor of the City of Garden City, Idaho, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Idaho Code § 46-1011 do hereby find and therefore proclaim and declare:

That a Local Disaster Emergency exists and that all efforts will be made to protect the citizens and property of the City of Garden City through activation of all local disaster emergency plans and state emergency assistance; and

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That this Local Disaster Emergency shall expire within seven (7) days unless the City Council expressly authorizes the continuance of such Declaration; and

That this Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency (Declaration) shall be promptly filed with the Ada County Recorder’s Office; and

That prompt and general publicity shall be given by a press release notifying the public of this Declaration.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 2020.

John G. Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa M. Leiby, City Clerk

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