



City of Abilene City Council Agenda

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Shane Price, Council Member
Jack Rentz, Council Member
Robert Hanna, City Manager

Anthony Williams, Mayor

Donna Albus, Council Member
Kyle McAlister, Council Member
Travis Craver, Council Member
Stanley Smith, City Attorney
Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Notice is hereby given of a Special Called meeting of the City Council of City of Abilene to be held on March 30, 2020, at 11:15 a.m., at City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Council Chambers, Abilene, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action. The City Council reserves the right to meet in a closed session on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

1. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Donna Albus

PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG

REGULAR AGENDA - ORDINANCES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTIONS

2. **Resolution:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Extending the Declaration of Local Disaster Issued March 23, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Abilene will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending City Council meetings. To better serve you, requests should be received 48 hours prior to the meetings. Please call 325-676-6208.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above meeting notice was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 27th day of March, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.

Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary

NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Governor Greg Abbott has granted a temporary suspension of certain rules to allow for telephone or video conference public meetings in an effort to reduce in-person meetings that assemble large groups of people, due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency.

In an effort to reduce the spread of the virus, for the March 30, 2020 City Council meeting will be closed to in person attendance by the public, individuals will be able to address the Council via telephone conference call.

To participate in a telephone conference call, please call 833-773-2663, participant code is 5918781, to speak on an agenda item. This will also allow you to listen to the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 551.007 of the Texas Government Code, individuals wishing to address the Council for items listed as public hearings will be recognized when the public hearing is opened. For individuals wishing to speak on a non-public hearing item, they may either address the Council during the Public Comments portion of the meeting or when the item is considered by the City Council.

The agenda packet can be viewed online here: <https://www.abilenetx.gov/714/Agendas-Minutes>



**City Council
Agenda Memo**

City Council Meeting Date: 3/30/2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Robert Hanna, City Manager

SUBJECT: 2. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Extending the Declaration of Local Disaster Issued March 23, 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION

On March 23, 2020, the City Council issued an Extension of Declaration of Local Disaster due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That extension lasted for a period of 7 days. The attached Extension is for a period until April 14, 2020, unless the Council modifies or terminates the Declaration earlier. The Mayor is also authorized to issue Orders in conjunction with this Extension of Declaration of Local Disaster.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

On March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued his Executive Order GA-08 which is effective state-wide as of 11:59 p.m., March 20, 2020.

On March 26, 2020, the Taylor County Judge issued his Declaration of Local Disaster.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2nd Resolution Extending Declaration of Local Disaster COVID-19 (shelter in place) (RH + SES changes 033020) (2)
2. EO-GA 08 COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation IMAGE 03-19-2020
3. Taylor County Disaster Declaration 3-26-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, MODIFYING ITS EXTENSION OF DECLARATION OF DISASTER ISSUED ON MARCH 23, 2020.

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Abilene, by proclamation, issued a Declaration of Local Disaster; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Abilene issued his Order prohibiting any gathering of 250 or more persons within the city limits beginning March 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Abilene issued his First Modified Order prohibiting any gathering of 50 or more persons within the city limits beginning at 8:00 p.m., March 22, 2020, and of 10 or more beginning at 5:00 p.m. on the day that the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District announces the confirmation of a positive COVID-19 test result; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued his Executive Order GA-08, effective 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to extension; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the City Council issued its Resolution Renewing and Continuing the Mayor's Declaration of Disaster Issued on March 16, 2020, which prohibited the social gathering of more than 10 persons; and

WHEREAS, because of the risk of the rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus, the need to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, the intent to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling essential services and commerce to continue, and the desire to slow the spread of COVID-19 to maximum extent possible, this Order is required; and

WHEREAS, this Order is issued based on evidence of increasing occurrence of COVID-19 within West Texas and the Big Country areas, scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly to prevent and slow down community spread of COVID-19 in the City of Abilene; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the public interest to authorize additional authority as described herein pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, as amended, Texas Government Code, and provide rules to protect the health of persons in the City of Abilene, pursuant to the Texas Government Code and Texas Health and Safety Code.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND DECLARED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

1. The foregoing recitals as incorporated herein and made findings of fact.
2. That the City Council, effective immediately, hereby renews and continues the local state of disaster for the City of Abilene, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code.
3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this renewal and continuation of the declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this renewal and continuation of the declaration of a local state of disaster continues activation of the emergency management plan for the City of Abilene. The furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration is hereby authorized. The appropriate preparedness and response aspects of the plan are continued.
5. The use of all available resources of the City of Abilene that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster are hereby authorized.
6. To the extent permitted by law, any local ordinance or administrative rule prescribing the procedures for conduct of City business or any local ordinance or administrative rule that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster, including any local ordinance or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement with would impede the City's emergency response necessary to cope with this declared disaster, are hereby suspended, but only for the duration of this declared local disaster and only for that limited purpose.
7. Pursuant to Section 418.108(g) of the Government Code, the City of Abilene may control ingress to and egress from a disaster area within the incorporated limits of the City of Abilene and control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in that area.
8. Pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the City of Abilene may adopt rules to protect the health of persons in the municipality, including quarantine rules to protect the residents against communicable disease.
9. The intent of this Order is to protect the physical health and well-being of City of Abilene residents, to protect the financial health and well-being of City of Abilene residents and businesses, and to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible while safeguarding the Constitutional liberties of City of Abilene residents by utilizing the least restrictive means possible and encouraging the highest level of personal responsibility.

10. Persons who are sick and currently experiencing common COVID-19 symptoms have a responsibility to take actions necessary to protect the physical health and well-being of others.

Any person who is sick or currently experiencing common COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, cough, or shortness of breath, is hereby ORDERED to stay home until such time that:

- (a) he or she has had no fever for at least 72 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fevers; and
- (b) his or her other symptoms have improved (for example, when the cough or shortness of breath has improved); and
- (c) at least 14 days have passed since the symptoms first appeared.

This order does not prohibit any person from leaving his or her home to seek necessary medical or emergency care. Persons are encouraged to call ahead to their medical providers to let them know they are coming.

If any person in a household has tested positive for COVID-19, all persons in the household are hereby ORDERED to stay home. Members of the household may not travel to work, school, or any other community function until released from quarantine by the health authority. This order does not prohibit any person from leaving his or her home to seek necessary medical or emergency care. Persons are encouraged to call ahead to their medical providers to let them know they are coming.

11. All persons in the City of Abilene are hereby ORDERED to stay home, except for travel related to Essential Activities. Essential Activities means any action or effort that is necessary for gainful employment or for the financial welfare of their family. It also means any activity necessary for obtaining medical care, food, shelter or clothing that may be necessary for the safety and well-being of themselves or their family. It also means any action necessary for the preservation of a person's mental or spiritual health, including attending any religious gathering.
12. Persons at higher risk for severe illness have a responsibility to take actions necessary to protect their own personal physical health and well-being and to mitigate their own risk and potential exposure to COVID-19. Any person who believes he or she is at higher risk for severe illness and who believes he or she may be compromised from exposure to COVID-19 is hereby ORDERED to stay home as long as this order remains in place or until the person determines he or she is no longer at higher risk for severe illness.

This order does not prohibit any person from leaving his or her home to seek necessary medical or emergency care. Persons are encouraged to call ahead to their medical providers to let them know they are coming.

13. To protect the financial health and well-being of City of Abilene residents, including those who are the most economically vulnerable and disadvantaged, we have a shared responsibility to take actions necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19, as well as to protect and promote the ability of all persons to provide for their own financial and material needs, including food, shelter, clothing, and healthcare.

All businesses and employers are hereby ORDERED to take actions necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19, to increase social distancing in the normal course of business activities, and to provide for a safe and healthy work environment.

All persons are hereby ORDERED to take actions necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to increase social distancing in the normal course of business activities. Social distancing is generally understood to mean staying at least six feet away from other people, avoiding mass gatherings, working from home if possible, canceling or postponing large meetings, and not shaking hands. Where social distancing is not possible in the normal course of business activities, extreme care should be taken to reduce the risk of exposure to, and transmittal of, germs and COVID-19.

Pursuant to Governor Greg Abbott's March 19 Executive Order, every person shall avoid gathering in groups of more than 10 persons. Furthermore, persons shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors. However, the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options for bars, restaurants, and food courts is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of his Executive Order.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Governor's March 19 Executive Order and this Declaration, all businesses, jobs, and workers are essential to the financial health and well-being of our local economy and therefore are essential to the financial health and well-being of City of Abilene residents. Persons who are employed need to stay employed. Persons who lack employment need to gain employment. Businesses that are able to remain open need to remain open, provided that the following businesses, due to the close personal nature of their services, are hereby ORDERED to close for the duration of this order:

- (a) Hair salons, hair stylists, barber shops, nail salons, tattoo parlors, piercing businesses, and all similar personal grooming related businesses that require close personal contact; and
- (b) Food truck gatherings of two or more food trucks; and

- (c) Game rooms, bowling alleys, movie theaters, arcades, miniature golf courses, gyms, fitness centers, or other similar entertainment venues; and
- (d) Sexually Oriented Businesses; and
- (e) Smoking rooms in tobacco stores (it is the intent to limit the closure only to the smoking rooms and not the sale of tobacco products).

The Mayor is authorized to order the closure of additional businesses without further Council action if, in his opinion, the business poses an imminent risk to the public's health, safety and welfare.

Employers, employees, and customers have a shared responsibility to promote public health in the normal course of business activities. Businesses are hereby ORDERED to limit the number of customers in their commercial establishments in order to maintain good social distancing requirements as further defined in Section 14 of this order. Retail stores has the additional restrictions:

- (f) Retail stores are ORDERED to reduce their maximum building occupancy by 50%; and
- (g) Retail stores are ORDERED to further reduce their total building occupancy, as may be required, by the number necessary to maintain good social distancing requirements, as further defined in Section 14 of this order, should the 50% building occupancy reduction prove ineffective in maintaining social distancing requirements; and
- (h) Retail stores are ORDERED to control the ingress and egress of their buildings so that they maintain good social distancing requirements, as further defined in Section 14 of this order, inside their buildings.

The Mayor is authorized by order to further limit the number of persons allowed in any business without further Council action if, in his opinion, the business has failed to exercise the necessary responsibility to limit their customer's ingress or egress on their own.

The City Manager is authorized without further Council action to enforce these provisions to the fullest extent allowed by law, including, but not limited to, using the Abilene Police Department or other City Departments to control the number of persons entering a building as is necessary to maintain adequate social distancing inside the building..

14. For purposes of this Declaration and Order, "Social Distancing Requirements" includes maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer,

covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

15. When people need to leave their places of residence, they should at all times as reasonably possible comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 14.

16. All public, private and commercial laboratories operating within the City of Abilene and performing COVID-19 testing shall report by 5:00 p.m. each day for the prior 24-hour period to the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District the following information:

(a) The number of COVID-19 tests performed; and

(b) The number of positive COVID-19 tests.

(c) The patient names and demographic information of positive COVID-19 tests.

This information will be used solely for public health purposes to monitor the testing conducted in the City of Abilene, and mitigate and contain the spread of COVID-19.

17. That any City ordinance or regulation imposing a time requirement for payment, filing or appealing a decision, may be extended by the Mayor without further confirmation by the City Council.

18. That the Mayor may suspend or modify any other ordinance or regulation of the City of Abilene for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this resolution unless continued or renewed by the City Council.

19. That City Council meetings shall be rescheduled as posted and may be continued in accordance with alternate measures as permitted by law.

20. That all other committee, commission or board meetings of the City of Abilene are suspended except as required to consider applications subject to state law-imposed deadlines, or as may be deemed reasonable and necessary for the public good as determined by the Mayor.

21. That the City Manager or designee of the City Manager is authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to:

(a) Make application for local, state and federal assistance as necessary and/or applicable;

(b) Accept on behalf of the City services, gifts, grants, equipment, supplies, and/or materials whether from private, nonprofit, or governmental sources;

- (c) Enter into Interlocal cooperation agreements or memorandums of understanding with other cities, counties, or jurisdictions to provide for law enforcement assistance or other shared services to assist in this Resolution or the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (d) Contract for expenditures for budgeted items and emergency expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$250,000; and
- (e) Defer any fines or fees imposed by the City.

After cessation of this emergency and state of disaster, the City Manager shall provide the City Council a list of all actions taken under this paragraph.

22. That although not required by law and out of an abundance of caution, the City Manager is authorized (and any prior acts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic are ratified):

- (a) Close, including closure to the public, of any City offices, facilities, or properties, including parks, playgrounds, or playground equipment; and
- (b) Provide city services by means other than in-person delivery, such as accepting permit applications online or by mail only, and/or to cease any city service that are not required by state or federal law.

23. That any ordinances, rules, or regulations of the City of Abilene, Texas, that conflict with this Resolution are hereby suspended, such suspension to remain in effect until the state of disaster is terminated or until there is a subsequent Resolution of this Council, whichever occurs first.

24. That pursuant to Section 418.020(d) of the Texas Government Code, the City of Abilene is authorized to:

- (a) Temporarily or permanently acquire by lease, purchase, or other means sites required for installation of temporary housing units or emergency shelters for disaster victims; and
- (b) Enter into arrangements necessary to prepare or equip the site to use the housing units or shelters, including arrangements for the purchase of temporary housing units or shelters and the payment of transportation charges.

25. That failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health.

26. That a violation of this Order pertaining to restricting gatherings to 10 or less persons shall be an offense and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or confinement in jail up to 180 days. That a violation of any other provision of this Order shall be an offense

and shall be punishable by a fine only not to exceed \$1,000. That this declaration also hereby authorizes the use of any other lawfully available enforcement tools.

27. That any violation of this Resolution, Declaration and Order can be enjoined by the City of Abilene by a suit filed in a court of competent jurisdiction, and this remedy shall be in addition to any penal provision in this Resolution, Declaration and Order or in the Code of Ordinances, City of Abilene, Texas.
28. That nothing in this Resolution, Declaration and Order shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or prior ordinance; nor shall any legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Resolution.
29. All provisions of this Resolution, Declaration and Order should be interpreted to effectuate its intent.
30. That this Declaration and Order is effective at noon, Tuesday, March 31, 2020 and continues until 11:59 p.m. April 14, 2020 unless otherwise modified, terminated or extended.
31. That the terms and provisions of this Resolution, Declaration and Order shall be deemed to be severable and that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word herein shall be declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word herein, and the remainder of this Resolution, Declaration and Order shall continue in full force and effect the same as if such invalid or unconstitutional provision had never been a part hereof.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

Anthony Williams, Mayor

Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Stanley Smith, City Attorney

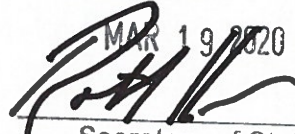


GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

March 19, 2020

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
11:59 AM O'CLOCK

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701


MAR 19 2020
Secretary of State

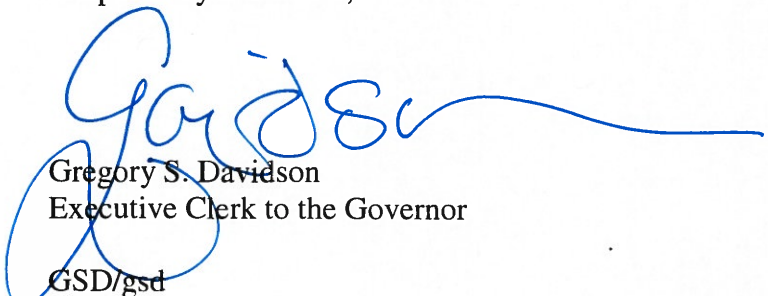
Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-08 relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD/gsd

Attachment

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Executive Order

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department
Austin, Texas
March 19, 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER
GA 08

Relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation.

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the state of Texas; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread and to pose an increasing, imminent threat of disaster throughout Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised that person-to-person contact heightens the risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, as promulgated by President Donald J. Trump and the CDC on March 16, 2020, call upon Americans to slow the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people, using drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options at restaurants and bars, and avoiding visitation at nursing homes, among other steps; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of State Health Services has now determined that, as of March 19, 2020, COVID-19 represents a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, "[t]he governor is responsible for meeting . . . the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters" (Section 418.001 of the Texas Government Code), and the legislature has given the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby order the following on a statewide basis effective 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to extension thereafter based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC:

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SECRETARY OF STATE
11:59 AM O'CLOCK
MAR 19 2020

- Order No. 1 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
- Order No. 2 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.
- Order No. 3 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
- Order No. 4 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close.

This executive order does not prohibit people from visiting a variety of places, including grocery stores, gas stations, parks, and banks, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. This executive order does not mandate sheltering in place. All critical infrastructure will remain operational, domestic travel will remain unrestricted, and government entities and businesses will continue providing essential services. For offices and workplaces that remain open, employees should practice good hygiene and, where feasible, work from home in order to achieve optimum isolation from COVID-19. The more that people reduce their public contact, the sooner COVID-19 will be contained and the sooner this executive order will expire.

This executive order supersedes all previous orders on this matter that are in conflict or inconsistent with its terms, and this order shall remain in effect and in full force until March 31, 2020, subject to being extended, modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by me or by a succeeding governor.



Given under my hand this the
19th day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Greg Abbott", written over a horizontal line.

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ruth R. Hughes", written over a horizontal line.

RUTH R. HUGHES
Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
11:59am O'CLOCK

MAR 19 2020

OFFICE OF THE

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STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY JUDGE

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COUNTY OF TAYLOR

**COUNTY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS
COUNTY JUDGE DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Taylor County, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for TAYLOR COUNTY, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Taylor County, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 4. That this declaration authorizes the County to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied

structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the County's rules and directives.

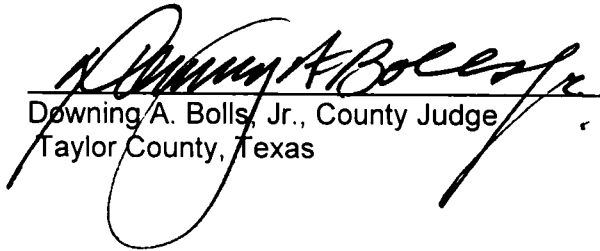
SECTION 5. That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than 10 people until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.

SECTION 6. In accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 418, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

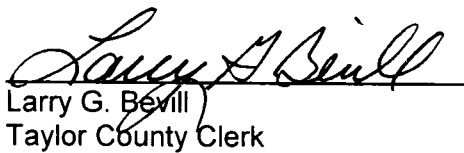
SECTION 7. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 8. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and, upon approval by the Commissioners Court, shall continue in effect until terminated by the County Judge. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge at any time as deemed necessary.

DECLARED this 26th day of March, 2020.


Downing A. Bolles, Jr., County Judge
Taylor County, Texas

Attest:


Larry G. Beville
Taylor County Clerk

