



DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the City of College Station on the 17th day of March, 2020, has identified an imminent threat of a public health emergency resulting from coronavirus disease 2019, now designated SARS-CoV2, (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, the virus causing COVID-19 was first identified during an outbreak detected in Wuhan, China; and

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

WHEREAS, COVID-19 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, the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020, declared COVID-19 a pandemic; 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, the Mayor of the City of College Station has determined extraordinary measures must be taken to contain and prevent COVID-19 from spreading, to alleviate people from suffering and to protect life throughout the City of College Station; and

WHEREAS, this state of disaster requires 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 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration, unless continued or renewed by the City Council of College Station.

3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this 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 §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the, City of College Station’s Emergency Management Plan.
5. That this declaration authorizes the City 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 City, 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 City’s rules, pursuant to §122.006 of the Health and Safety Code.
6. That this declaration hereby recommends the size of gatherings to not more than ten (10) people and recommends the cancellation of all such gatherings until further notice. A “gathering” refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where more than ten (10) persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.
7. In accordance with §418.173 of the Texas Government Code, 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.
8. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.
9. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this 17th day of March, 2020.

APPROVED:



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary

APPROVED:



City Attorney