



KAUFMAN COUNTY, TEXAS

COURT ORDER # 040720-7

**AMENDED DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December, 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19 was detected in mainland China, and has since spread throughout the world; and

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

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Kaufman County; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 Judge Hal Richards signed a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating declaration of a state of disaster continue to exist; and

WHEREAS, §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code provides that a local state of disaster may not be continued for a period of excess of seven days without the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Kaufman County Commissioners Court issued an Order Extending the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Kaufman County Emergency Management Plan and extended the Declaration of Local Disaster until April 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Kaufman County finds that there is a need to increase communication and notification regarding: COVID-19 testing results and hospital bed capacity; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbot issued Executive Order GA-14 and Kaufman County finds that the County's Declaration of Local Disaster should be extended until April 30th, 2020 to reflect the duration of GA-14.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT of the County of Kaufman, Texas that the Order Extending the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency be amended as follows:

Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on April 7th, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 30th, 2020.

1. That a state of disaster is declared for Kaufman County, Texas pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. That the County's Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.
3. That this state of disaster shall continue from the original Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency and is in force until April 30, 2020, unless the same is modified, amended, rescinded, or continued by consent of the Commissioners Court of the County of Kaufman, Texas.
4. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
5. A daily report, including all information received from: Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Kaufman concerning bed capacity, the DSHS PHR 2/3 and CDC, shall be compiled by the Kaufman County Office of Emergency Management and submitted to the County Judge's Office and to each Precinct Commissioner.
6. Kaufman County, Texas intends and shall follow Governor Greg Abbot's Executive Order GA 14, which shall remain in effect and in full force until April 30, 2020, unless modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor.
7. Per the Governor's Order, Executive Order GA 14, "Essential Services shall consist of everything listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 2.0." GA 14 requires any other essential services seeking to be added to this list must seek approval with the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) by contacting TDEM at EssentialServices@tdem.texas.gov or by visiting www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices. Any waivers issued by Kaufman County are hereby expired and those businesses or services must seek approval with TDEM.

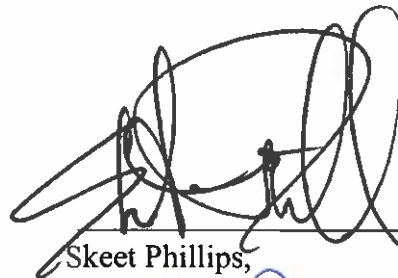
ORDERED this 7th day of April, 2020.



Hal Richards,
COUNTY JUDGE

Absent


Mike Hunt,
COMMISSIONER PCT. #1



Skeet Phillips,
COMMISSIONER PCT. #2




Terry Barber,
COMMISSIONER PCT. #3



Ken Cates,
COMMISSIONER PCT. #4

ATTEST:


County Clerk, Laura Hughes



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