

**CITY OF BORGER, TEXAS**  
**MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER**  
**DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in December 2019, 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 President of the United States declared a state of emergency related to the outbreak of COVID-19 and urged citizens to practice social distancing protocols; 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**, on March 19, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbot declared a second state of emergency related to the outbreak of COVID-19 and ordered: (1) that every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people; (2) that people are prohibited from eating or drinking at bars, restaurants and food courts (except by drive-thru, pickup or delivery); (3) that people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance; and (4) that all schools in Texas shall be closed until April 3, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, Hutchinson County Judge, Cindy Irwin, declared a local state of disaster related to COVID-19; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, Texas Government Code 418, Section 418.108 authorizes the Mayor of a local political subdivision to declare a local state of disaster and exercise the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale; 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 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BORGER, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Borger, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 2.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Borger, Texas.

**SECTION 3.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) 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 City Secretary.

**SECTION 4.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Borger, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

**SECTION 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 Section 122.006 of the Health and Safety Code.

**SECTION 6.** In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, 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 at 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2020.

**DECLARED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.**



Marvin Dickson, Mayor  
City of Borger, Texas

ATTESTED BY:



Stella Sauls  
City Secretary