

CITY OF COMANCHE

CITY OF COMANCHE, TEXAS AMENDED DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases 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, the on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020 the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 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, 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, President Trump declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Comanche, Texas, is taking extraordinary and immediate measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community, and to alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Comanche will work collaboratively with the Comanche County, Texas to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction and spread of COVID-19; 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 COMANCHE, TEXAS:**

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Comanche, 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 approved by the City Council of the City of Comanche, 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 and Comanche County Judge.

SECTION 4. That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Comanche County, 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 and directives.


SECTION 6. That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than ten (10) people, and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than ten (10) people until further notice.

SECTION 7. 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 8. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 9. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from, and after, its issuance, as authorized by the Mayor, shall continue in effect until April 30, 2020 in accordance with Executive Order GA 14 issued by Texas Governor Greg Abbott, the City of Comanche Mayor and the Comanche City Council. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued at any time as deemed necessary.

DECLARED this 1st day of April, 2020.



HON. MARY A. BOYD
MAYOR, CITY OF COMANCHE

FILED
AT 3:30 O'CLOCK P M

APR 1 2020


Clerk, County Court Comanche Co., Texas

ATTEST:



JACQUI STEWART, CCD, ICS
INTERIM CITY SECRETARY