

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
CITY OF WEATHERFORD, TEXAS**

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, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

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

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. GA-08 relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation was issued on March 19, 2020 by Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott; 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; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Weatherford has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and 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 to protect or rehabilitate property; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Weatherford's Emergency Management Plan should be activated;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF WEATHERFORD:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Weatherford, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, this declaration of local 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.
3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of local disaster shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary and shall be given prompt and general publicity.
4. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of local disaster activated the City of Weatherford's emergency management plan.
5. Pursuant to section 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including quarantine, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, and fining those who do not comply with the City's rules.
6. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 20 day of March 2020.

ATTEST:


Paul Paschall, Mayor


Malinda Nowell, City Secretary

