

CITY OF COMANCHE

CITY OF COMANCHE, TEXAS DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY Third Amended Revised May 11, 2020

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, 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, took 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, on March 25, 2020 the Mayor of the City of Comanche issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster for the imminent threat posed by the disease COVID-19 and on April 1, 2020, the Comanche City Council amended and extended that disaster declaration,

WHEREAS, the City of Comanche will work collaboratively with Comanche County 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 CITY COUNCIL 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.

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 all current and future Executive Orders issued by Governor Greg Abbott shall be recognized as the guidance for the conduct of all citizens of Comanche County, Texas pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 418. The Governor's Executive Orders shall remain in full force and effect unless and until the Governor shall amend or terminate same; and

SECTION 6. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and, upon approval by the Comanche City Council, shall continue in full force and effect until all Executive Orders or statewide disaster declarations issued by Governor Greg Abbott, or his successor, and City of Comanche Mayor Mary A. Boyd, or her successor, in response to the COVID -19 Coronavirus Outbreak are terminated or expired.

SECTION 7. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the City of Comanche Mayor at any time as deemed necessary.

DECLARED this 11th day of May, 2020.



HON. MARY A. BOYD
MAYOR, CITY OF COMANCHE

ATTEST:



JACQUI STEWART, CCD, ICS
INTERIM CITY SECRETARY