



Office of the Mayor

CITY OF HURST
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 was first detected in in Wuhan, China in December 2019; and

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott issued a State of Disaster for all Texas counties for COVID-19 on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, County Judge Glen Whitley issued a Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency for Tarrant County for COVID-19 on March 13, 2020, and the City will strongly consider the recommendations as set forth in accordance with the County's Declaration and adhere to all applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump declared a State of National Emergency for the United States of America on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of **COVID-19** can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, the 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 continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action for the protection of the people of Hurst; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of mitigation strategies can slow the transmission of the disease; and


WHEREAS, this Declaration activates the City's emergency management plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Hurst has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate the efficient, rapid, and cooperative response and recovery to the emergency;

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Declared and Proclaimed by The Mayor of Hurst that:

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for Hurst, pursuant to the City of Hurst Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7, Section 7-6 and §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. The state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Hurst City Council, pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code.
3. This declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code.
4. This declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Hurst Emergency Plan, pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code.
5. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 18th day of March 2020 at 9:00 a.m.


Henry Wilson, Mayor