



Proclamation

PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

BE IT REMEMBERED:

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness and in some cases death; 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 and advised countries to prepare for the containment, including active surveillance, early 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 epidemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the growing number of COVID-19 cases that have spread into the United States; and

WHEREAS, over 1,663 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in the United States, including 40 deaths; and

WHEREAS, a large gathering of unidentifiable individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection may pose a risk of the spread of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, unless the actions as hereby provided are immediately initiated, avoidable serious illness and deaths could occur; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 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; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Dallas County declared a local disaster for public health emergency and issued an accompanying order relating to community gatherings ; and

WHEREAS, the measures identified in this Proclamation are designed to prevent deaths in the City of Grand Prairie; and

WHEREAS, the identification of "community spread" cases of COVID-19 in the region could potentially signal that transmission of the virus may no longer be limited to travel to outbreak areas or contact with travelers who have visited outbreak areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Grand Prairie City Charter, as the presiding officer of the governing body, the City Council of the City of Grand Prairie, a home-rule city, municipal corporation, body politic and political subdivision of the State of Texas situated in Grand Prairie County, Texas, and pursuant to Chapter 12, Article III of the Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances and Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code (Texas Disaster Act),

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE THAT:

Section 1. Declaration of Local State of Disaster. A local state of disaster due to this health emergency is hereby declared by the Mayor of the City of Grand Prairie, pursuant to Section 418.108 of the Texas Disaster Act.

Section 2. Duration of Local State of Disaster. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Disaster Act, the local state of disaster due to this health emergency issued in this Proclamation shall continue until revoked, but in no

event will it exceed a period longer than seven (7) days of the date hereof, unless continued or renewed by the consent of the City Council of the City of Grand Prairie.

Section 3. Publicity and Filing. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration of a local state of disaster due to this health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

Section 4. Activation of the City Emergency Management Plan. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration of a local state of disaster due to this health emergency activates the City of Grand Prairie Emergency Management Plan.

Section 5. Temporary Housing and Emergency Shelter. Pursuant to Section 418.020(d) of the Texas Disaster Act, the City of Grand Prairie is authorized to: (1) temporarily or permanently acquire by lease, purchase, or other means sites required for installation of temporary housing units or emergency shelters for disaster victims; and (2) enter into arrangements necessary to prepare or equip the sites to use the housing units or shelters, including arrangements for the purchase of temporary housing units or shelters and the payment of transportation charges.

Section 6. Protective Control Measures and Facilities. Pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the City of Grand Prairie is authorized to adopt rules to protect the health of persons in the City of Grand Prairie, including quarantine rules to protect its residents against communicable disease and provide for the establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals.

Section 7. Reporting of COVID-19 Testing. Pursuant to Section 12-31 of the Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances, the city manager shall establish an order that all public, private, and commercial labs within the City of Grand Prairie shall report the number of COVID-19 tests conducted on a daily basis to the City of Grand Prairie and establish a penalty for failure to report.

Section 8. Limits on Large Gatherings. Pursuant to Section 12-31 of the Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances, the city manager shall establish an order to apply the size gathering prohibitions issued by Dallas County on March 12,

2020 restricting certain gatherings to less than 500 people effective at 11:00am on March 13, 2020 to the entire City of Grand Prairie.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately upon its issuance by the Mayor of the City of Grand Prairie.

I HEREBY DECLARE A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER WITHIN THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE to continue until March 20, 2020 subject to the continuation or renewal of the City Council of the City of Grand Prairie upon the expiration of seven (7) days as provided by Texas Government Code Section 418.108.

ACCORDINGLY, I further proclaim activation of the City Emergency Management Plan and the activation of all other charter, statutory, and ordinance powers vested in me and all officers of the City of Grand Prairie to act in the premises and for the purposes stated. Prompt and general publicity is hereby proclaimed and ordered as to the issuance of this Proclamation.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, on this the 13th day of March 2020.



Ron Jensen, Mayor