



City of Rowlett

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DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-COV-2, which causes COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. In some cases, the virus has caused death; and

WHEREAS, the Judge of Dallas County, Texas issued a declaration of local disaster for the entire county on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the City Mayor may declare a local state of disaster in the City, and may exercise the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, I, Tammy Dana-Bashian, the City Mayor and presiding officer of the City of Rowlett, have determined that in order to remain consistent with the declaration of local disaster by the Dallas County Judge, extraordinary and immediate 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 within the City of Rowlett; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rowlett will work collaboratively with the City of Garland, Dallas County, Rockwall County, and the State of Texas to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction, and spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROWLETT:

1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Rowlett, Texas, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
 2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, 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 City Council of Rowlett, Texas.
 3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
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4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Rowlett's Emergency Operations Plan and any other applicable emergency management plans.
5. Pursuant to §418.108(g) of the Government Code, this declaration authorizes the Mayor to control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in the City.
6. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this 13 day of March, 2020.



Tammy Dana-Bashian
Mayor, City of Rowlett

