

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 418.108(B) OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE EXTENDING THE MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER IN THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

RECITALS:

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 can range from mild to severe illness; 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, 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 epidemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 a Declaration of State of Disaster was issued by Governor Abbott to take additional steps to protect the health and welfare of Texans from COVID – 19; and

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

WHEREAS, over 1600 cases of COVID–19 have been reported in the United States, including 41 deaths with over 50 cases in Texas; 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, the COVID – 19 virus 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, a declaration of local disaster includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, and promote the health and safety of San Marcos residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Marcos will work collaboratively with Hays County to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction and spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jane Hughson declared a local state of disaster in San Marcos, Texas on March 15, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the San Marcos City Council convened a special meeting on March 20, 2020 to consider continuing the declaration and deems it necessary to do so for the health and safety of the community,

WHEREAS, Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code authorizes the continuation of a declaration of a local state of disaster with the consent governing body of a political subdivision

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS:

PART 1. The declaration of a local state of disaster made by Mayor Jane Hughson on March 15, 2020 (attached to this resolution as Exhibit A” and incorporated herein by reference) is hereby continued in San Marcos, Texas with the consent of the city council.

PART 2. The declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be promptly filed with the City Clerk as required by Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Disaster Act.

PART 3. This resolution is effective immediately and will remain in effect until terminated by subsequent resolution of the city council.

ADOPTED on March 20, 2020.

Jane Hughson
Mayor

Attest:

Tammy K. Cook
City Clerk