

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER  
FOR  
THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in December of 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and has since spread throughout the world; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Liberty on 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, is under imminent threat of a public health emergency due to:

**COVID-19; and**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Liberty has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 throughout the City of Liberty, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, property, and additionally, compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of the disease. The City of Liberty is prohibiting in-person interactions of large events and mass gatherings of ten (10) persons or more including conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings, and other types of assemblies. This recommendation does not apply to the day to day operation of organizations such as schools, institutes of higher learning, or businesses, in accordance with CDC recommendations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS:**

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Liberty pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Liberty.
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.
4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Liberty's Emergency Management Plan.
5. The Mayor of the City of Liberty has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 throughout the City of Liberty, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, property, and additionally, compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of the disease. The City of Liberty is prohibiting in-person interactions of large events and mass gatherings of ten (10) persons or more including conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings, and other types of assemblies. This recommendation does not apply to the day to day operation of organizations such as schools, institutes of higher learning, or businesses, in accordance with CDC recommendations.

This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance, **ORDERED THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2020 at 5:30 pm.**

ATTEST:

  
Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary

  
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Carl Pickett, Mayor