

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE, TEXAS, RATIFYING, CONTINUING AND RENEWING THE MAYORAL DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS OUTBREAK, PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS DISASTER ACT OF 1975, CHAPTER 418, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- WHEREAS,** beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated 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, and in some cases, the virus has caused death; and
- WHEREAS,** the COVID-19 virus may be spread between people in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced by an infected person; and
- WHEREAS,** on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency in response to COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national health emergency beginning on March 1, 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 17, 2020, Grayson County Judge Bill Magers declared a state of disaster for Grayson County, Texas in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and
- WHEREAS,** the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (the "Disaster Act") authorizes the presiding officer of a political subdivision to declare a local state of disaster for up to seven (7) days; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 17, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Van Alstyne declared a local state of disaster for the City of Van Alstyne commencing on March 17, 2020 (the "Mayoral Disaster Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Act authorizes the governing body of the City of Van Alstyne to continue or renew a declared local state of emergency for a period of more than seven (7) days; and

WHEREAS, prudence dictates that extraordinary measures must continue to be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Van Alstyne, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals and occupied structures and, additionally, including compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or occupied structures to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City of Van Alstyne to ratify, continue and renew the Mayoral Disaster Declaration in response to the COVID-19 virus outbreak pursuant to the Disaster Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE, TEXAS, THAT:

- Section 1. That on March 17, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Van Alstyne, Texas declared a local state of disaster due to a public health emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak for the City of Van Alstyne, Texas effective on March 17, 2020 (the "Mayoral Disaster Declaration"), pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- Section 2. Pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, the Mayoral Disaster Declaration was declared for a period not to exceed seven (7) days from the effective date of the declaration.
- Section 3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, the Mayoral Disaster Declaration was given prompt and general publicity and filed promptly with the City Secretary of the City of Van Alstyne, Texas.
- Section 4. Pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, the Mayoral Disaster Declaration may be continued or renewed for a period of more than seven (7) days from the effective date by the City Council of the City of Van Alstyne, Texas.
- Section 5. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, the Mayoral Disaster Declaration activated the City of Van Alstyne Emergency Management Plan under Van Alstyne Ordinance 839.
- Section 6. That the City Council hereby continues and renews the Mayoral Disaster Declaration authorizing the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including, but

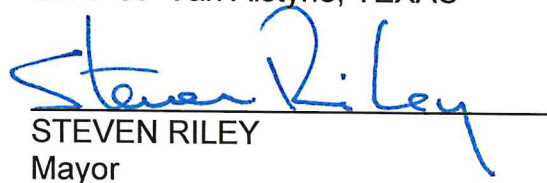
not limited to the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules, pursuant to section 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

- Section 7. That the City Council hereby continues and renews the Mayoral Disaster Declaration limiting the size of all gathering, both public and private, to not more than ten (10) people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings until further notice. A "gathering" generally refers to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons or more are present in a confined space, room, or area. A "gathering" shall also refer to a scheduled event or common endeavor within an outdoor confined space or area enclosed by a fence, physical barrier or other structure where 10 persons or more are present and will generally be located within arm's length of one another for extended periods of time.
- Section 8. That the City Council hereby continues and renews the Mayoral Disaster Declaration authorizing the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools to effectuate the purposes of the Mayoral Disaster Declaration.
- Section 9. That this declaration shall take effect immediately upon adoption and remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 14, 2020 and shall expire under its own terms after that time, unless amended, extended, or repealed by the City Council prior to that time.
- Section 10. Any person, firm, corporation or entity violating this Resolution or shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Each continuing day's violation under this Resolution shall constitute a separate offence. Van Alstyne retains all legal rights and remedies available to it pursuant to local, state and federal law.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE, TEXAS, ON THE 24th DAY OF MARCH 2020.



CITY OF Van Alstyne, TEXAS


STEVEN RILEY
Mayor

ATTEST



JENNIFER GOULD
City Clerk

