



**CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF PATTISON, TEXAS
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a virus that is contagious and spreads through person to person contact, especially in group settings and the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Pattison, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, and Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 122.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF PATTISON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Pattison, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code and Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 122.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code and Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 122.006 the state of disaster for public health emergency shall be remain in effect from Monday March 23, 2020 for a period of 180 days from the date of this declaration, unless changed by the City Council for the City of Pattison , Texas.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, and Texas Health and Safety Code Section 122.006 this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

SECTION 4. That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, and Texas Health and Safety Code Section 122.006 this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Pattison, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 5. That this declaration authorizes the Mayor acting on behalf of the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including 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, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules, pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 6. That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area. Businesses are excluded from the size limits on gatherings.

SECTION 7. That this declaration authorizes the Mayor acting on behalf of the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus including contracting with law enforcement agencies to assist the City with carrying out the purpose of this declaration.

SECTION 8. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 9. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.


SECTION 10. That a violation of this order is punishable by a class C misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed \$1000.00; or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days.

AFFIRMED and APPROVED and ORDERED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF PATTISON on this 23rd day of March 2020.



Joe Garcia, Mayor
City of Pattison
Waller County, Texas

Attest:



Christa Molloy, City Secretary