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## **CITY OF WINNSBORO MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in or about 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 City of Winnsboro is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winnsboro has established emergency protective measures, mitigation procedures, and emergency response plans for this type of health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Texas Governor Greg Abbott and both Franklin County Judge Scott Lee and Wood County Judge Lucy Hebron have declared a local disaster due to a public health emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WINNSBORO, TEXAS, THAT:

### **SECTION 1**

A local state of disaster due to public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Winnsboro, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

### **SECTION 2**

Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster due to public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the effective date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Winnsboro, Texas.

### SECTION 3

Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster due to public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary's Office.

### SECTION 4

Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster has resulted the following:

- The City's Emergency Operations Center has been partially activated, and conditions are being constantly monitored by emergency personnel.
- All City-sponsored programs, activities, and classes are suspended through April 3.
- The Gilbreath Memorial Library, Museum, Civic Center and Depot Community are closed through April 3.
- City of Winnsboro Municipal Court is delaying all in person Court proceedings until May 1.
- All closures and cancellations will be reassessed and modified as conditions change.
- Board/Commission meetings are cancelled until further notice.
- All other City offices will remain operational during normal operating hours, but will be closed to the public except by appointment.

### SECTION 5

This Declaration authorizes 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, 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 6

This Declaration hereby suggests, pursuant to current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") guidance and Governor Abbott's executive Order, that there be limits on the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people and the cancellation of gatherings of more than 10 people, until further notice is given from the CDC. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.

SECTION 7

This Declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 8

This Declaration shall take effect immediately.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

  
Brenda Shirley, Mayor Pro Tem

  
Angie Pike, City Secretary