

**CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS
MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes 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 the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another; 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 of Fredericksburg, 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 Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS:

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

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, this state of disaster for public health emergency 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 Fredericksburg, Texas.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, 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, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Fredericksburg, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 5. That this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Health and Safety Code, including quarantine rules to protect the residents against communicable disease and provide for the establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals.

SECTION 6. That this declaration hereby prohibits any Community Gathering in the City of Fredericksburg. For the purposes of this Section 6, a "Community Gathering" is defined as a scheduled indoor event or a scheduled outdoor event, that brings together or is likely to bring together ten (10) or more persons in a common space, room, or area, including but not limited to

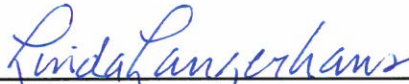
conferences, festivals, parades, special events, concerts, and sporting events. For the purposes of this Section 6, a "Community Gathering" does not include regular attendance at public or private schools, public or private colleges and universities, and daycare centers.

SECTION 7. That in accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days. That in accordance with Section 11-28 of the City of Fredericksburg Code of Ordinances, a person who fails to comply with this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$2,000.00.

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 and, upon approval by the City Council, shall continue in effect until terminated by the Mayor. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the Mayor at any time as deemed necessary.

DECLARED this 19th day of March, 2020.



Linda Langerhans, Mayor
City of Fredericksburg, Texas