

CITY OF SHALLOWATER

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CITY OF SHALLOWATER, 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

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 subsequently issued Executive Order GA 08 on March 19, 2020 pertaining to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shallowater, 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

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Shallowater, Texas has amended the declaration of March 18, 2020 from its original provision to include directives by the Governor of the State of Texas and additional protocols for the City.

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

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Shallowater, Texas, 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 the 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 Shallowater, 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 Shallowater, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

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SECTION 5. That 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 hospital access, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, emergency locations, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the Town'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 and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings until further notice. 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. That this declaration stresses the importance of social distancing to stop the spread of the virus, and in that regard, all barbershops, salons, and beauty shops must abide by the following regulations: (1) only one client per stylist allowed in the business at a time; (2) all services to be booked by appointment only (no walk-ins) and no client is allowed to wait in a waiting area; (3) commonly touched surfaces are to be sanitized after all services; (4) business is limited to existing clients; and (5) businesses are to utilize only existing employees/contractors.

SECTION 8. Pursuant to the Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 122.006, any individual adult or child having traveled to another country outside of the United States borders or has traveled via cruise ship, within the ten (10) days prior to this declaration and returning to the City of Shallowater, Texas, shall be quarantined at home for 14 days.

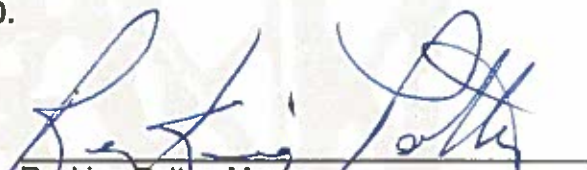
SECTION 9. In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

SECTION 10. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 11. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this 24th day of March, 2020.





Royking Potter, Mayor
City of Shallowater, Texas