

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
TOWN OF NORTHLAKE, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States did find and proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

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

WHEREAS, also on March 17, 2020 the County Judge of Denton County, Texas certified that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in Denton County and declared a state of disaster for all of Denton County; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Northlake, Texas has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19, and to protect or rehabilitate property; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Northlake's and Denton County's interjurisdictional Emergency Management Plan should be activated;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TOWN OF NORTHLAKE:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the Town of Northlake, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, this declaration of local disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Town Council.
3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of local disaster shall be filed promptly with the Town Secretary, and shall be given prompt and general publicity.
4. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of local disaster activated the Town of Northlake's and Denton County's interjurisdictional emergency management plan.

5. Pursuant to section 122.005 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, this declaration authorizes the Town to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including quarantine, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the Town, and fining those who do not comply with the Town's rules, including but not limited to:
 - a. Prohibit restaurant dine-in service and self-serve food service
 - b. Restrict public gathering places to no more than 50 persons
 - c. Postpone use of Town facilities for public and court activities
 - d. Waive fees associated with on-line transactions to encourage use
 - e. Suspend water shut offs and warrant searches
 - f. Provide flexible work locations and additional paid leave for Town employees
6. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 18th day of March 2020.


Mayor, Town of Northlake, Texas