

**FIRST AMENDED DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER AND  
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY  
TOWN OF NORTHLAKE**

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, with symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, cough, and shortness of breath and with outcomes ranging from mild to severe illness and in some cases death;

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease;

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic;

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

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the growing number of cases that have spread into the United States and the identification of “community spread” cases of COVID-19 in the United States signals that transmission of the virus is occurring;

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

**WHEREAS**, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action for the protection of the people of the Town of Northlake;

**WHEREAS**, County Judge Andy Eads issued a Declaration of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency for Denton County for COVID-19 on March 17, 2020 and issued a Second Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on March 22, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, Governor Greg Abbott issued a State of Disaster for all Texas counties for COVID-19 on March 13, 2020, and an Executive Order relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation on March 19, 2020, and an additional Executive Order to increase hospital capacity and reduce the spread of COVID-19 on March 22, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, President Donald Trump declared a State of National Emergency for the United States of America on March 13, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the Mayor is designated as the emergency management director of the Town of Northlake, and may exercise the powers granted to the governor on an appropriate local scale;

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease including isolation surveillance, quarantine, or placement of persons under public health observation, including the provision of temporary housing or emergency shelters for persons misplaced or evacuated;

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of local disaster is necessary to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance to the Town of Northlake from the governor for state and federal resources allocated toward this disaster;

**WHEREAS**, by this Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency, I declare all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat suspended for the duration of the incident;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority granted to the Mayor under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist in the Town's response to this situation;

**WHEREAS**, I, David A. Rettig, the Mayor of the Town of Northlake have determined that extraordinary and immediate 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,

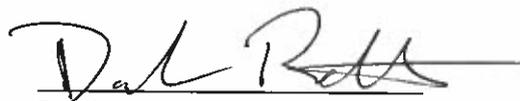
**WHEREAS**, I, David A. Rettig, the Mayor of the Town of Northlake issued a Declaration of Disaster and Public Health Emergency on March, 18, 2020, and hereby issue this First Amended Declaration of Disaster and Public Health Emergency to implement additional measures to ensure the protections of the residents of the Town of Northlake.

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

1. That a state of disaster and public health emergency is hereby declared for the Town of Northlake, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. That the state of disaster and public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days of the date hereof, unless the state of disaster and public health emergency is continued by the Town Council of the Town of Northlake, Texas, pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, at which time the Town Council of the Town of Northlake, Texas will specify the period of extension.

3. That this declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Town Secretary, pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code.
4. That Denton County's and Town of Northlake's interjurisdictional Emergency Management Plan is activated and implemented, pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code.
5. That 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, pursuant to §122.005 of the Health and Safety Code, including but not limited to:
  - a. Prohibit restaurant dine-in service and self-serve food service
  - b. Restrict gathering places to no more than 10 persons
  - c. Close public and neighborhood playgrounds
  - d. Encourage social distancing of at least six feet
  - e. Postpone use of Town facilities for public and court activities
  - f. Waive fees associated with on-line transactions to encourage use
  - g. Suspend water shut offs and warrant searches
  - h. Provide flexible work locations and additional paid leave for Town employees
6. That this declaration shall adopt for the Town of Northlake all rules, regulations and limitations issued by Denton County, and the State of Texas contained in executive orders or disaster declarations issued by those entities for the Coronavirus Disease 2019 public health emergency as applicable to the Town of Northlake. In the event of a conflict between the rules, regulations and limitations issued by Denton County, and the State of Texas, the more restrictive of the rules, regulations and limitations shall be adopted.
7. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.
8. That this proclamation shall take effect at 5:00pm, March 23.

ORDERED this the 23rd day of March 2020.



David A. Rettig  
Mayor, Town of Northlake