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**MAR 17 2020**

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City Secretary

**CITY OF OVERTON, 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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Overton, 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.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OVERTON, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Overton, 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 Overton, 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 Overton, 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, 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, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules, pursuant to Section 122.005 of the Health and Safety Code.



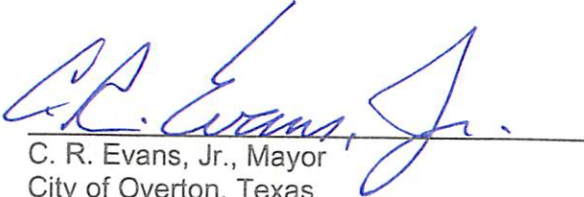
**SECTION 6.** That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than is currently recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and mandates cancellation of all such gatherings until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a social event or common endeavor where persons are in a confined space, room or area.

**SECTION 7.** 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 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.

**DECLARED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.**

  
C. R. Evans, Jr., Mayor  
City of Overton, Texas

Filed with me, Rachél Gafford, City Secretary of the City of Overton, Texas on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 by Mayor C. R. Evans, Jr., whose signature I certify is true and genuine, with general publicity of the foregoing Declaration being affected the same date as the signing thereof.

  
Rachél Gafford, TRMC, CITY SECRETARY

