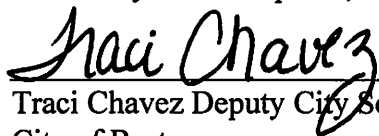


CERTIFICATION

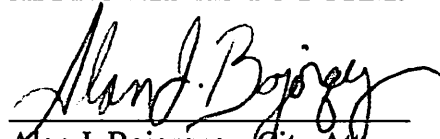
I, **Traci Chavez**, Deputy City Secretary of the City of Bastrop, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Declaration of local state of disaster ordered by the Mayor of the City of Bastrop on this, the 16th day of March 2020, as the same appears in records of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I subscribe my name hereto officially under the corporate seal of the City of Bastrop this, the 16th day of March 2020.



Traci Chavez Deputy City Secretary
City of Bastrop

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Alan J. Bojorquez, City Attorney

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Proclaimed by Connie Schroeder, Mayor of the City of Bastrop, Texas:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Bastrop pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, the local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless terminated, continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Bastrop.
3. Pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Government Code, this declaration of local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
4. Pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Bastrop's Emergency Management Plan.
5. This Declaration activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance;
6. That this proclamation shall take effect at 3 : 30 p.m., on this, the 16th day of March 2020.

ORDERED this, the 16th day of March 2020.

CITY OF BASTROP:


Connie Schroeder, Mayor



DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

- WHEREAS,** the City of Bastrop, Texas, is preparing for widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), which has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott declared a State of Disaster for all counties in Texas; and
- WHEREAS,** City of Bastrop has already taken steps to prepare for COVID-19, such as coordinating preparedness efforts across municipal departments and working with local partners to promote appropriate prevention and mitigation efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and hinder the spread of COVID-19 to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and
- WHEREAS,** declaring a state of disaster will facilitate and expedite the use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response; and
- WHEREAS,** a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, prevent the spread of the disease, and promote the health and safety of individuals in the City of Bastrop; and
- WHEREAS,** City of Bastrop will work collaboratively with the mayors of the cities of Elgin and Smithville, and the county judge of Bastrop County as well as federal, state and local authorities to ensure that all reasonable, appropriate, and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction, and spread of COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** by this declaration, I declare all municipal rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are hereby temporarily suspended for the duration of the incident; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mayor of the City of Bastrop has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare.