

Village of Webberville

March 16, 2020

A DECLARATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE, TEXAS, DECLARING CERTIFYING THAT COVID-19 POSES AN IMMINENT THREAT OF DISASTER IN THE VILLAGE AND DECLARING A STATE OF DISASTER IN THE VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 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; and

WHEREAS, the identification of "community spread" cases of COVID-19 in the United States could potentially signal that transmission of the virus may no longer be limited to travel to China, or contact with travelers who have visited China; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Webberville, Texas on the 16th day of March 2020, 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, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Webberville; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster will facilitate and expedite the use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response; and

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

WHEREAS, the County Judge, Sarah Eckhardt of Travis County issued a Declaration of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on the 6th day of March 2020 and issued an Order on March 15, 2020 continuing until May 1, 2020 prohibiting certain public and private Community Gatherings anywhere in the County of Travis.

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

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 and request assistance from the governor of state resources; and

WHEREAS, by this Declaration of 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; and

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 City's response to this situation; and

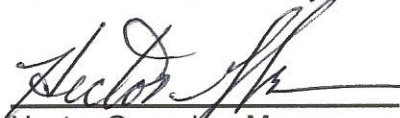
WHEREAS, I, Hector Gonzales, the Mayor of the Village of Webberville have determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE:

That a local state of disaster and public health emergency is hereby declared for the Village of Webberville pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

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2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster and public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Village Council.
3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code, 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 Village Clerk.
4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency activates the Village of Webberville's emergency management plan.
5. Pursuant to §418.020(c) of the Government Code, this declaration authorizes the Village to commandeer or use any private property, temporarily acquire, by lease or other means, sites required for temporary housing units or emergency shelters for evacuees, subject to compensation requirements.
6. Pursuant to §122.006 of the Health and Safety Code, this declaration authorizes the Village to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including quarantine, regulating ingress and egress from the Village, and fining those who do not comply with the Village's rules.
7. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 16th day of March 2020.


Hector Gonzales, Mayor
Village of Webberville