

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF FAYETTE §

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE
(COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the United States Federal Government has declared a national emergency and the State of Texas has declared a statewide public health disaster as a result of the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, The Fayette County Judge issued and signed a Declaration of Local Disaster for Fayette County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Center for Disease Control and United States Office of the White House, issued recommended guidelines regarding preventative procedures for the spread of COVID-19 titled, “15 Days to Slow the Spread”; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact, and large gatherings of people pose an increased risk of spreading the infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, the potential spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus poses an imminent threat to the health and safety of the citizens of Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity with which potential spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus could constitute an imminent threat of disaster and a risk to overwhelming local healthcare resources; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418 gives the county judge the power to declare a local disaster within the county “if the threat of disaster is imminent”; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of injury to the public; and

WHEREAS, other local governments in our immediate area have taken preventative measures, including imposing a limit the size of gatherings in an effort to further address the threat and spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of a potential spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration expires seven days after its issuance, unless the commissioners court consents to its renewal or continuance;

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that I, Joseph Weber, County Judge of Fayette County, hereby extend the local state of disaster issued by Fayette County, Texas on march 13, 2020, based on the threat of spreading of the COVID-19 Coronavirus in Fayette County, Texas for an additional seven (7) days as allowed by Texas Government Code Section 418.108.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this order activates the Fayette County Emergency Management Plan and all other statutory and ordinance powers vested in the County Judge and/or other local officials.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(g), the County Judge may control ingress to and egress from a disaster area under the jurisdiction and authority of the County Judge to control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises within that area.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that in accordance with the Center for Disease Control and United State White House guidelines, this order prohibits social and planned gatherings of groups

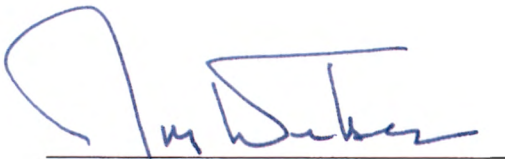
of more than 10 people anywhere in Fayette County continuing through the term of this disaster declaration, unless terminated or modified by written order.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above cited statute, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without being authorized by the Fayette County Commissioners Court.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this order is enforceable under all applicable provisions of the Fayette County Emergency Management Plan.

This declaration shall be promptly publicized and filed with the County Clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this 19th day of March, 2020.



Joe Weber
Fayette County Judge



Filed with the County Clerk of Fayette County on 19th day of March, 2020.

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