



**CITY OF CIBOLO, TEXAS
MAYORAL AND CITY COUNCIL 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 cause a severe illness, including coughing, fever, shortness of breath 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 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a revised 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 setting certain restriction on mass or community gatherings, restaurants and bars and other establishments; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Mayor of Cibolo issued a Declaration of Emergency due to an imminent threat of disaster and such Declaration was consistent with the proclamation of Governor Gregg Abbott, but such declaration may only stay in effect unless extended by order of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the County Judge of Guadalupe County issued a Declaration certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for Guadalupe County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cibolo, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and prevent the spread throughout the City of Cibolo, and to be consistent with the March 19th Governor's proclamation, by banning of social gatherings within the city limits and also adopting the same provisions adopted by the Governor on social; 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 PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CIBOLO, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Cibolo, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. 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 3. That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Cibolo, Texas, emergency management plan.

SECTION 4. That pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, this declaration authorizes the City to take any action necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including quarantine, examining hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City and fining those who do not comply with the City's rules.

SECTION 5. That this declaration hereby prohibits gatherings and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings until further notice. A "Social Gathering" is any indoor or outdoor event or convening that brings together persons at the same time in a single room or other single confined or enclosed space, such as an auditorium, theatre, stadium (indoor or outdoor), arena or event center, meeting hall, conference center, large cafeteria, or any other confined indoor or confined outdoor space.

SECTION 6. For purposes of clarity, "social gathering" does NOT include the following: (i) places of employment; (ii) office space, hotels or residential buildings; (iii) grocery stores, shopping malls, outdoor markets; (iv) hospitals, medical facilities and shelters; (v) jails and detention centers (vi) transit facilities; and (vii) government buildings providing essential services and (viii) family units getting together.

SECTION 7. That this declaration hereby directs restaurants with or without drive-in or drive-through services and microbreweries, micro-distilleries, or wineries may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-through services as allowed by law.

SECTION 8. That this declaration hereby directs bars, lounges, taverns, private clubs, arcades, theatres, bowling alleys, bingo parlors, indoor commercial amusement businesses, gyms, martial arts studios, nail salons, hair salons, barber shops, hair removal salons, massage parlors, spas, tattoo and piercing parlors and all other non-medical, personal care services shall close.

SECTION 9. That this declaration hereby closes all City of Cibolo Parks from April 10, 2020 to April 13, 2020.

SECTION 10. That this declaration hereby directs the public from visiting nursing homes or retirement centers unless they are providing critical assistance.

SECTION 11. That this declaration hereby directs people who are sick should stay at home and not engage in any activity outside their residence unless related to treatment or health care. If someone in a household has tested positive for COVID-19 then they must follow the isolation and quarantine measures proscribed by local, state, or federal health authorities. If a member of a household tests positive then other members of the household should consider themselves positive if they become symptomatic and also follow the isolation and quarantine measures proscribed by local, state, or federal health authorities.


SECTION 12. 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 13. Any provision in this Declaration that is not included but included in the Governor's revised proclamation of March 19, 2020, the Governor's proclamation is incorporated into this Declaration.

SECTION 14. Any provision in this Declaration that may be in conflict with the Governor's revised proclamation of March 19, 2020, the Governor's proclamation shall control.

SECTION 15. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and be effective until April 15, 2020 unless extended or modified by City Council.

DECLARED this 26 day of March 2020.



Joel Hicks, Mayor Pro-Tem

