



## **CITY OF GAINESVILLE AMENDS DECLARATION ON A LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, A novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has 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 on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Cooke County has declared a local disaster due to public health emergency on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor of the City of Gainesville has declared a local public health emergency on March 19, 2020 and amended on March 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gainesville extended the amended declaration at their March 25, 2020 Special Meeting and allowed the Mayor to amend the declaration as necessary; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-14 on March 31, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE:**

- 1.) That a state of disaster is declared due to public health emergency for the City of Gainesville, Texas pursuant to section 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code.
- 2.) The City Council extended the declaration and authorized the Mayor to amend it as necessary.
- 3.) The Mayor of the City of Gainesville is amending the order to require all individuals to follow the Governor's Executive Order GA 14 issued on March 31, 2020.
- 4.) Under Section 418.173, failure to comply with any executive order issued during the COVID-19 disaster is an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both fine and confinement.
- 5.) Pursuant to section 418.108 (b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster due to public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the effective date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas.



- 6.) Pursuant to section 418.108 (c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster due to public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
- 7.) Pursuant to section 418.108 (d) of The Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Gainesville's Emergency Management Plan under City of Gainesville ordinance 1089-6-2005.
- 8.) This amended declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
- 9.) This amended order supersedes all previous orders.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

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**JIM GOLDSWORTHY, MAYOR**