



**CITY OF GAINESVILLE
DECLARING A LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY MODIFICATION**

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 determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect public safety and mitigate the spread of COVID,

WHEREAS, declaring a disaster in the City of Gainesville will facilitate and expedite the procurement, use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness, response and public safety,

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Gainesville declared a local public health emergency on March 19, 2020, and

WHEREAS, additional actions are needed to deal with the health emergency the Mayor modifies the declaration as follows.

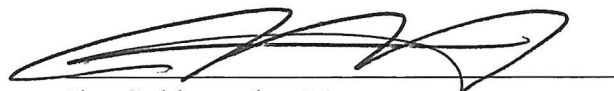
NOW, THEREFORE, BE DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE:

- 1.) That a state of disaster was declared due to public health emergency for the City of Gainesville, Texas pursuant to section 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code on March 19, 2020 and shall expire on March 26, 2020 unless extended or renewed by Gainesville City Council.
- 2.) The Mayor of City of Gainesville is modifying the order to require all individuals to follow the Governor's Executive Order GA 08 issued on March 19, 2020.
- 3.) 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.
- 4.) This modification of the March 19, 2020 declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance, and expire on March 26, 2020 unless extended or renewed by Gainesville City Council.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this 22nd day of March, 2020.

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Jim Goldsworthy, Mayor