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DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR 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, symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, the 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, the City of Lewisville is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lewisville has established emergency protective measures, mitigation procedures and emergency response plans for this type of health emergency; and

WHEREAS, this International Health Emergency has created a serious health emergency requiring the issuance of a Disaster Declaration and the implementation of the City of Lewisville Emergency Operation Plan, and associated Emergency Policies; 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 Texas Government Code Chapter 418; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LEWISVILLE:

- (1) That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Lewisville, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- (2) Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Code, the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless continued or renewed by the City Council of Lewisville.
- (3) Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the 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.



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- (4) Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Lewisville Emergency Management Plan.
- (5) That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
- (6) Recommendations to reduce the spread of infections, such as Coronavirus (COVID-19), include:
 - a. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - b. Stay home when you are sick.
 - c. Cover your mouth
 - d. Wash hands thoroughly and often.
 - e. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- (7) Recommend the postponement or cancellation of all large gatherings over 250 people.

In accordance with Texas Government Code 418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

ORDERED this, the 13th day of March 2020.


Rudy Durham, Mayor