



**CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS  
MAYORAL 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, being 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 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas 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; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, officials from a surrounding County and City confirmed the first case of travel-related COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hondo, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and prevent the spread throughout the City of Hondo, including the banning of community gatherings of over ten (10) people within the Hondo city limits; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, Greg Abbott, the Governor of the State of Texas issued an Order to the citizens of this state regarding COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the Mayor of Hondo, Texas may declare a local state of disaster in and for the County and may exercise the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS:**

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

**SECTION 2.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than thirty (30) days from the date of this declaration, unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Hondo, Texas.

**SECTION 3.** 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 4.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Hondo, Texas, emergency management plan.

**SECTION 5.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this Declaration authorizes the City to commandeer or use any private property, temporary acquire, by lease or other means, sites required for emergency shelters, subject to compensation requirements.

**SECTION 6.** 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 7.** That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area, including outdoor area.

**SECTION 8.** 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 9.** Pursuant to the statutory authority vested in me as the presiding officer of the City of Hondo, I issue guidance as set out within the Declaration Regarding Public and Private Gatherings and Related Matters, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "1".

**SECTION 10.** That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

**DECLARED THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.**

  
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**JAMES W. DANNER, SR., MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Miguel Cantu, City Secretary**



## EXHIBIT "1"

### Declaration regarding Public and Private Gatherings and Other Matter

#### 1. Declaration Regarding Public and Private Gatherings:

- a. This Exhibit "1" incorporates and adopts, except as where noted below, the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") Interim Guidance for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) dated March 15, 2020.
- b. The virus that causes COVID-19 is easily transmitted, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle an influx of patients and safeguard public health and safety.
- c. For all gatherings, it is strongly recommended that social distancing protocols established by the United States Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and found within the "Implementation of Mitigation strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission" issued by the CDC on or around March 11, 2020, including canceling, rescheduling, or not attending events with more than ten persons.
- d. Further, organizations that serve high-risk populations should follow CDC guidance for social distancing.
- e. Because of the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, and the need to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, the declaration includes the following effective at 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2020 and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 19, 2020.

Order No. 1 Every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.

Order No. 2 In accordance with the Guidelines from the Governor of Texas and the CDC, there will be no eating and drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed.

Order No. 3 In accordance with the Guidelines from the Governor of Texas and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

Order No. 4 In accordance with the Guidelines from the Governor of Texas and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close.

The declaration does not prohibit people from visiting a variety of places, including grocery stores, gas stations, parks, and banks, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. This declaration does not mandate sheltering in place. Government entities and businesses will continue providing essential services. For offices and workplaces that remain open, employees should practice social distancing, good hygiene and, where feasible, work from home in order to achieve optimum isolation from COVID-19. The more that people reduce their public contact, the sooner COVID-19 will be contained and the sooner this declaration will expire.