

RESOLUTION NO. 1013-2020

CONTINUATION OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER

WHEREAS, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, with symptoms including fever, cough, and shortness of breath and with outcomes ranging from mild to severe illness and in some cases, death; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the growing number of cases that have spread into the United States and the identification of "community spread" cases of COVID-19 in the United States signals that transmission of the virus is occurring; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 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 continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, County Judge Glen Whitley issued a Declaration of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency for Tarrant County, Governor Greg Abbott issued a State of Disaster for all Texas counties, and President Donald Trump declared a State of National Emergency for the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the mayor is designated as the emergency management director of the City of River Oaks, and may exercise the powers granted to the governor on an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease, including isolation, surveillance, quarantine, or placement of persons under public health observation, including the provision of temporary housing or emergency shelters for persons misplaced or evacuated and request assistance from the governor of state resources; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the City of River Oaks issued a Declaration of Local Disaster and Order of the Mayor of the City of River Oaks and on March 19, 2020, the Mayor issued a First Amended Declaration of Local Disaster and Order of the Mayor of the City of River Oaks ("Declaration of the Local Disaster") which activated and implemented the City's Emergency Management Plan and authorized actions necessary to protect the citizens as allowed under section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, the Mayor of the City of River Oaks issued a Declaration of Local Disaster and Order of the Mayor of the City of River Oaks issued a Second Amended Declaration of Local Disaster and Order of the Mayor of the City of River Oaks ("Declaration of the Local Disaster") which activated and implemented the City's Emergency Management Plan and authorized actions necessary to protect the citizens as allowed under section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 418.108(b), the declaration by the Mayor can only be in effect for a period of not more than seven days, unless the same is continued with the consent of the City Council of the City of River Oaks, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the current situation with COVID-19 leads the City Council to believe that the mitigation efforts and emergency response to COVID-19 must continue for more than seven days.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS, TEXAS:

I.

That the City Council hereby consents to the continuation of the Declaration of Local Disaster for the City of River Oaks. The Declaration of Local Disaster shall continue in its entirety for 90-days from the date of the approval of this Resolution, subject to further extension if deemed necessary by the City Council.

II.


That the City's Emergency Management Plan shall continue to be implemented. Any violation of rules, regulations or directives adopted pursuant to the Emergency Management Plan or the Declaration of Local Disaster shall be subject to the penalties set forth in the Emergency Management Plan and Section 418.173, Texas Government Code.

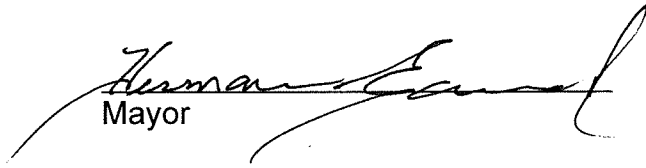
III.

That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED THIS 23RD day of March, 2020.

Attest:


City Secretary


Mayor