

FIRST AMENDED DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER AND ORDER OF THE
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS

WHEREAS, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg 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; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the Mayor of the City of River Oaks has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19, and to protect or rehabilitate property; and,

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 the First Amended Declaration of Local Disaster due to Public Health Emergency as issued by Tarrant County shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from March 18, 2020 unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court; and

WHEREAS, the Tarrant County First Amended Declaration limited the size of gatherings to be no more than 50 people and mandated the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than 50 people until further notice; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2019 the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation reducing the size of gatherings from 50 to 10 people until further notice; and

WHEREAS, the Tarrant County First Amended Declaration issued on March 18, 2020 orders that a restaurant with or without drive-in or drive-through services; drive-in restaurant; drive-through restaurant; or microbrewery, micro-distillery, or winery may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-in, or drive-through services, if permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the Tarrant County First Amended Declaration issued on March 18, 2020 orders the closure of the bars, lounges, or taverns; commercial amusement establishment, bingo halls; theaters; gyms; and private clubs; and

WHEREAS, the Tarrant County First Amended Declaration issued on March 18, 2020 limits the occupancy of Event Centers, hotel meeting spaces, ballrooms, retail stores, convenience stores, plazas, places of worship and malls to 50% occupancy as set forth on the business's certificate(s) of occupancy or 125 individuals, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of River Oaks has determined that these extraordinary measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19, and to protect or rehabilitate property; and

WHEREAS, the City of River Oak's Emergency Management Plan should be activated;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of River Oaks, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, this declaration of local disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council.
3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of local disaster shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, and shall be given prompt and general publicity.
4. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of local disaster activated the City of River Oak's emergency management plan.
5. Pursuant to section 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including quarantine, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress form the City and fining those who do not comply with the City's rules.
6. That this declaration hereby limits the size of social gatherings to no more than 10 People.
7. That this declaration hereby orders that a restaurant with or without drive-in or drive-through services; drive-in restaurant; drive-through restaurant; or microbrewery, micro-distillery, or winery may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-in, or drive-through services, if permitted by law.
8. That this declaration hereby orders the closure of the bars, lounges, or taverns, commercial amusement establishment, bingo halls; theaters; gyms; and private clubs.
9. That this declaration limits the occupancy of Event Centers, hotel meeting spaces, ballrooms, retail stores, convenience stores, plazas, places of worship and malls to 50% occupancy as set forth on the business's certificate(s) of occupancy or 125 individuals, whichever is less.
10. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 19th day of March 2020.


Mayor, City of River Oaks