

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER AND ORDER OF THE MAYOR
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, Governor Abbott issued Executive Orders GA-16, GA-18, GA-21, GA-23, and GA-26 from April through early June 2020, aiming to achieve the least restrictive means of combatting the threat to public health by continuing certain social-distancing restrictions, while implementing a safe, strategic plan to Open Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Governor due to recent substantial increases in COVID-19 positive cases, and increases in the COVID-19 positivity rate and hospitalizations resulting from COVID-19, targeted and temporary adjustments to the reopening plan are needed to achieve the least restrictive means for reducing the growing spread of COVID-19 and the resulting imminent threat to public health, and to avoid a need for more extreme measures; and

WHEREAS, 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, the City Council of the City of River Oaks declares that nothing in this Declaration of Local Disaster shall supersede or imposes restrictions in response to the COVID-19 disaster that are inconsistent with the Governor's Executive Order GA-28; and

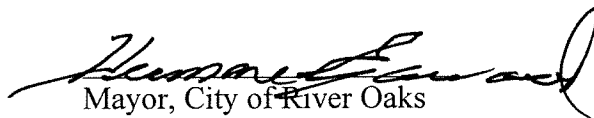
WHEREAS, the City of River Oak's Emergency Management Plan should be activated.

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

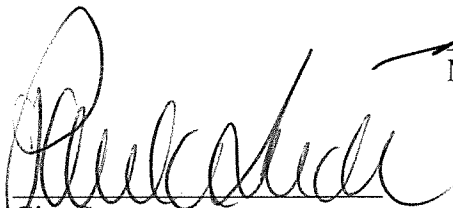
1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of River Oaks, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, this declaration of local disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from 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 from the City, and fining those who do not comply with the City's rules.
6. That the River Oaks Event Center (Community Center) located at 5300 Blackstone Drive is hereby ordered closed to the public effective at 12:01 A.M. on Friday, July 3, 2020 and the River Oaks Public Library shall continue to remain closed to the public.
7. That any certified peace officer or other person with lawful authority is hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Declaration & Order in accordance with the authority granted under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975. Any person who violates this Declaration & Order may be subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 or confinement for a period not exceeding 180 days when permitted by state law.
8. This declaration of local disaster shall remain in effect and in full force unless it is modified, amended, rescinded by the City Council or otherwise superseded by the Governor.
9. That this proclamation shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 3, 2020 after its issuance.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED by the River Oaks Mayor on this the 1st day of July 2020.


Mayor, City of River Oaks

ATTEST:


City Secretary

