



## **DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER**

**WHEREAS**, the novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV-2, which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, President Donald Trump has proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency in the United States; and Governor Greg Abbott has declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and Grayson County Commissioners Court has declared a state of disaster for Grayson County; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Greg Abbott has issued Executive Order No. GA 08 dated March 19, 2020 ordering that people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors, which has created a financial hardship for these businesses and their employees; and

**WHEREAS**, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the county and municipal levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sherman has already taken significant measures to prepare for and prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of the City of Sherman; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a state of disaster in the City of Sherman will facilitate and expedite the procurement, use, and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response; and

**WHEREAS**, the imminent conditions necessitating the declaration of disaster for a public health emergency exist;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED** by the City Council of the City of Sherman, Texas:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Sherman, Texas, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code. That due to this disaster, an emergency situation exists.
2. That, pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster 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 the City of Sherman, Texas.
3. That, pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Clerk.
4. That, pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City emergency management plan.
5. That the City Manager, or his designee, is additionally authorized to make administrative and personnel policy adjustments and decisions pursuant to responding to the disaster and to close any City buildings or venue to the public in his discretion to prevent the spread of the virus, with the approval of the Mayor.
6. That this order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this <sup>23<sup>rd</sup></sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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David Pyle  
Mayor  
City of Sherman, Texas