

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, EXTENDING THE DISASTER DECLARATION ISSUED BY MAYORAL PROCLAMATION ON MARCH 13, 2020 IN RESPONSE TO THE NOVEL CORONA VIRUS, NOW DESIGNATED AS COVID-19; AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINDINGS

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Huntsville, Texas issued a mayoral proclamation declaring a state of disaster for the City of Huntsville, in response to the COVID-19 being declared a worldwide pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating such disaster declaration continue to exist; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Huntsville and to prevent the suffering of people in the City of Huntsville; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

SECTION 1. The declaration of disaster, which was signed and executed by the Mayor Pro Tem on March 13, 2020, shall be renewed and continue through April 8, 2020, in accordance with Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, unless earlier terminated by the Mayor's office, or amended, rescinded, superseded or expire pursuant to applicable law.

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance continues the activation of the City Emergency Plan and activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of all aid and assistance as deemed necessary or desirable by those administering such plans, and activates the preparedness and response aspects of such plans as provided therein and provides the authority for the Mayor to take actions authorized by Section 418.108 of the Government Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance, in addition to Section 418.018 of the Government Code and Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances, authorizes the Mayor, if deemed necessary, to issue an order to:

- require 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 as allowed by law.

- require a bar, lounge, or tavern; private club; personal service use for gym or health studio; inside commercial amusement: commercial amusement (inside); or theater (theatre) to close;

and provide that the Order shall continue until either rescinded, superseded, or amended or expired pursuant to applicable law.

SECTION 4. That the Mayor may authorize the emergency expenditure of up to \$50,000 in response to COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 5. That the Mayor may execute any and mutual aid agreements in cooperation with the representatives of the state and of other local political subdivisions of the state, and the drafting and execution, if deemed desirable, of an agreement with the county in which said city is located and with other municipalities within the county, for the countywide coordination of efforts in emergency management; for the procurement of all necessary supplies and equipment, including acceptance of private contributions; and the authorizing of agreements, after approval of the city attorney, for the use of private property for public shelter and other purposes.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary and shall be given prompt and general publicity.

SECTION 7. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 17th day of March 2020.

THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE



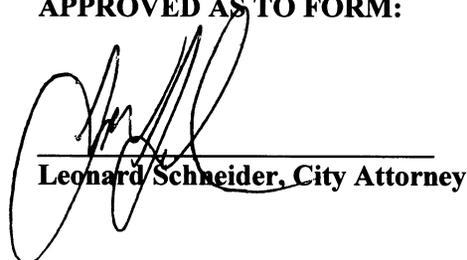
Joe Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Brenda Poe, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Leonard Schneider, City Attorney