

**AMENDED DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
BY PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel corona virus, now designated as COVID-19, was detected in mainland China, and has since spread throughout the world; and

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

WHEREAS, 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 City of Huntsville, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Huntsville Emergency Management Plan should be activated; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster proclamation was declared by the Mayor on March 13, 2020 and extended until April 8, 2020 by the Huntsville City Council by Ordinance 2020-19; and

WHEREAS Ordinance 2020-19 gave the Mayor the authority to take actions authorized by Section 418.018 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued guidance to all Americans, requesting gatherings of 50 persons or more to cease for the next eight weeks on March 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump issued guidance that all Americans should limit gatherings to 10 or less; and

WHEREAS, an emerging public health emergency does currently exist and is expected to worsen, and the neighboring County of Montgomery has confirmed a 5th case of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the neighboring County of Montgomery has issued an order dated March 17, 2020 that any bar or club in Montgomery County shall limit occupancy to 50 person or less at any one time in total.

NOW THEREFORE, I, PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, HEREBY AMEND, PROCLAIM, DECLARE AND ORDER:

SECTION 1. That a state of disaster has been continued for the City of Huntsville, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code until April 8, 2020;

SECTION 2. That this declaration activates 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.

SECTION 3. Any bar or club within the City limits of the City of Huntsville, Texas shall limit occupancy to 50 person or less at any one time in total.

SECTION 4. Lack of compliance could result in shut down and this order could be amended or extended at any time. This order takes effect on March 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and remains in effect until April 8, 2020 or until rescinded or extended by a future order or expires by law.

SECTION 5. This declaration and Order do not conflict with any Order issued by Walker County.

SECTION 6. This declaration and Order shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary and shall be given prompt and general publicity.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 18th day of March 2020.


Mayor Pro Tem, City of Huntsville

ATTEST

Brenda Poe, City Secretary *3/18/2020 4:00 pm*

Approved:

Leonard Schneider, City Attorney *3/18/2020 4:03 pm*

