



Office of the Mayor of the City of Marion, Texas

**MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas 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, the City of Marion, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED

I MAYOR Victor A Contreras OF THE CITY OF Marion, TEXAS: Declare

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Marion, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency 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 Marion, Texas. On March 23, 2020 the Council extended the date to **April 6, 2020** Council meeting and will consider to extend further.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

SECTION 4. That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Marion,

Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 5. That this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules, pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 6. That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.

SECTION 7. In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

SECTION 8. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 9. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this 17 day of March, 2020.

Re-Declared this 23 day of March, 2020



Victor A. Contreras, Mayor
City of Marion, Texas



City of Marion Texas

Declared this 17th day of March 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor A. Contreras", written over a horizontal line.

Victor A. Contreras
Mayor

Filed with Maria Hernandez, City Secretary of the City of Marion, Texas on this 17th day of March 2020 by Mayor Victor A. Contreras, whose signature I certify is true and genuine, with general publicity of foregoing Declaration being effected the same date as the signing thereof.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maria Hernandez", written over a horizontal line.

Maria Hernandez
City Secretary



Office of the Mayor of the City of Marion Texas

I Mayor Victor A. Contreras recommend that we do not Disconnect Water Services for late or no payment to our citizens. These are going to be some trying times and we should help our citizens to keep them calm. One of the major mandates by the CDC and state is to keep washing our hands.

This shall take action immediately until further notice or the next time the council can meet.

Victor A. Contreras

Mayor

Water Code violations: Texas Water Code Section 7.052(d), which provides that each day of a violation is a separate offense, should be suspended so long as a city can demonstrate that: (1) it made a reasonable effort to address the ongoing violation; and (2) such effort was inhibited by the COVID-19 situation.