

**CITY OF FARMERSVILLE, TEXAS
FIRST REVISED MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness including fever, coughing, and shortness of breath and, in some cases, the virus has caused death; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus appears to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another; and

WHEREAS, prudence dictates that extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Farmersville, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals and occupied structures and, additionally, including compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or occupied structures to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott and Collin County have declared a local disaster due to public health emergency; 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 Texas Government Code Chapter 418; and

WHEREAS, the City will work collaboratively with Collin County, under Collin County Commissioner's Court Order No. 2004-135-02-24 and any updates thereto, to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction and spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, and under state law and local ordinance, I issued my initial Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City has been evaluating the health and safety aspects of placing limitations on patron occupancies in restaurants and bars in the City of Farmersville to help insure that COVID-19 is contained; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has announced further statewide restrictions aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FARMERSVILLE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. A local state of disaster due to public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Farmersville, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code. This First Revised Declaration supersedes and revises, in its entirety, my Declaration of March 16, 2020.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster due to public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the effective date of my Declaration of March 16, 2020, unless continued or renewed in accordance with state law.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this First Revised Declaration of a Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Farmersville's Emergency Management Plan under Farmersville Ordinance 83-11-2.

SECTION 5. 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, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules, pursuant to section 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 6. 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, such as an auditorium, theatre, stadium (indoor or outdoor), arena or event center, meeting hall, conference center, large cafeteria, or any other confined indoor or confined outdoor space.

SECTION 7. The City Council of the City of Farmersville, and its necessary attendees **only** shall be exempt from the restriction set out in Section 6 for scheduled public meetings, whether a regular, work session, special or, emergency meeting. In addition, the Planning and Zoning Commission, when required by law to act, and its necessary attendees **only** shall also be exempt from the restriction set out in Section 6 for scheduled public meetings, whether a regular, work session, or special meeting. Alternatively, and in addition, members of the City Council or the Planning and Zoning Commission will be allowed to hold such meetings through videoconferencing and teleconferencing rather than in-person meetings as declared by Governor Greg Abbott. While members of the public will not be allowed to physically attend such meetings in an effort to avoid contact with COVID-19, members of the public will be entitled to observe and address the City Council or the Planning and Zoning Commission during such meetings through alternative methods of telephonic or videoconference technologies in accordance with guidelines provided by and through the Office of the Texas Governor and the Office of the Texas Attorney General.

SECTION 8. Beginning at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020, all dine-in service at restaurants, private clubs, and bars shall cease. This restriction does not affect drive-thru, delivery, pick-up, or carry-out services with the exception that lines for pick-up and carry-out service shall be restricted to no more than ten (10) patrons inside an establishment at any one (1) given time and that social distancing of not less than six-feet (6') between such patrons shall continue to be observed. In addition, beginning at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020, all bars, indoor recreation facilities, and public venues shall close. It is the intent of this Section, in part at least, that restaurants and bars are able to invoke business interruption insurance coverage due to the enactment of this restriction.

SECTION 9. This declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 10. Pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code §122.006, the City may adopt rules to protect the health of persons in the City, and provide for the establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals.

SECTION 11. That this First Revised Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster shall take effect immediately.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this 19th day of March, 2020



Jack Randall Rice
Mayor