

CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS
ORDER UNDER
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, on March 13, 2020, stating that extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Brazos County, the Judge of Brazos County issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster for Brazos County, Texas;

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;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, I, as Mayor of the City of Bryan, issued a Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, there are now confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Brazos County:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That this Order Under Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and filed with City Secretary.

SECTION 2. That all restaurants in the City of Bryan are ordered to close as of 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2020, except restaurants may still provide take-out orders, delivery, drive through window service, and curbside pickup service.

SECTION 3. That all bars in the City of Bryan are ordered to close as of 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

SECTION 4. That public gatherings of more than ten (10) persons in the City of Bryan are hereby prohibited as of 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2020. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where more than ten (10) persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.

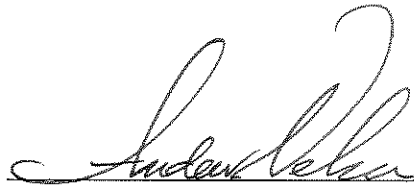
SECTION 5. That this order remains in effect from 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2020, as long as there remains an active Declaration of Disaster in the City of Bryan.

SECTION 6. In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order 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 7. That this order hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 8. That this order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 18th day of March, 2020.


3:28pm
Andrew Nelson, Mayor
City of Bryan, Texas

Attest:


Mary Lynne Stratta
City Secretary