RESOLUTION NO. 20200327

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODVILLE, TEXAS, EXTENDING THE DISASTER DECLARATION ISSUED BY MAYORAL PROCLAMATION ON MARCH 20, 2020 IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19, A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Paula M. Jones, Mayor of the City of Woodville, Texas issued a mayoral proclamation declaring a state of local disaster for the City of Woodville, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the presence of infected individuals in the region; and

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating the declaration of a state of disaster continue to exist; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.108 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code, a declaration of local disaster may not be continued or renewed for a period of more than seven days except with the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODVILLE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: The recitals set forth above are true and corrected and are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: The Declaration of Local Disaster, which was signed and executed by the Mayor on March 20, 2020 and is attached hereto as "Exhibit A", shall be renewed and continued until terminated by executive order of the Mayor or by the City Council of the City of Woodville, Texas.

SECTION 3: Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this resolution shall remain in full force

and effect. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 4: This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

Paula M. Jones

Paula M. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

Terri Bible, City Secretary

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
BY
PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WOODVILLE

WHEREAS, the global outbreak of the novel coronavirus originating in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, now designated as COVID-19, has been declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organization;

WHEREAS, Greg Abbott, the Governor of the State of Texas, issued a proclamation that declared COVID-19 as an imminent threat of disaster;

WHEREAS, travel-related and direct contact cases of COVID-19 have been identified in the Southeast region of Texas.

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has advised that persons should avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the outbreak of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life and property resulting from illness and other public calamity resulting there from, which requires emergency action;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the mayor is designated as the emergency management director of the City of Woodville, and may exercise the powers granted to the governor on an appropriate local scale;

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control risk, promote health, request assistance from the governor of state resources, and access funds available for disaster relief and reimbursement at the state and federal level; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Woodville has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with COVID-19, as well as those that could be infected or impacted by COVID-19;

NOW THEREFORE, I, PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODVILLE, HEREBY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE:

SECTION 1. That a state of disaster is declared for the City of Woodville, Texas pursuant to Texas Government Code § 418.108(a).

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 418.108(b), this declaration of local disaster shall be in effect for seven days from this date unless continued or renewed by the City Council.

SECTION 3. That this declaration 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 pursuant to Texas Government Code § 418.108(d).

SECTION 4. That this declaration shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, and shall be given prompt and general publicity pursuant to Texas Government Code § 418.108(c).

SECTION 5. That all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of this incident and the City Administrator is hereby authorized to exercise all emergency powers as are available to address this emergency.

SECTION 6. That the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist in the City's response to this situation is authorized.

SECTION 7. That, as Mayor, I further reserve all other authority and powers conferred by state law to respond as necessary to this situation.

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

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 20th day of March, 2020.

Paula M. Jones

Mayor, City of Woodville

ATTEST:

City Secretary