

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS**

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING A 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 spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the 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 the symptoms of COVID-19 include: fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. In some cases, the virus has caused death; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City, including the banning of community gatherings of over 10 people and, additionally, potentially requiring individuals, or property to undergo additional measures that prevent or control the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Johnson City, Texas has determined that extraordinary precautions must be taken to protect residents, visitors, and businesses of the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is authorized as the representative of the local governing body to declare a local disaster pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 418.108; and

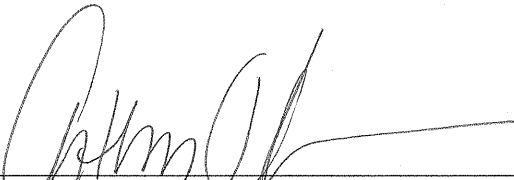
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS:

1. That the local state of disaster for public health emergency is declared for the City of Johnson City, Texas pursuant to section 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. That this state of disaster 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 Johnson City, pursuant to section 418.108 (b) of the Government Code.
3. That 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, pursuant to section 418.108 (c) of the Government Code.
4. That the declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Johnson City Texas Emergency Management Plan pursuant to section 418.018 (d) of the Government Code.
5. That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than ten (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 ten (10) persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.

6. That city sponsored events will be canceled until further notice.
7. That the City of Johnson City Park Building and Swimming Pool will be closed until further notice.
8. That the City of Johnson City Police Department will restrict groups larger than 10 individuals from using City Parks during the duration of the City's disaster proclamation.
9. That 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.
10. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.
11. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ISSUED on the 18th day of March, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.



Anthony Holland, City Secretary



Rhonda Stell, Mayor

