

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
CITY OF ARCHER CITY, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has 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.

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Archer City has determined that extraordinary measures might be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19, and to protect or rehabilitate property; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Archer City's Emergency Management Plan should be activated.

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

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Archer City, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, this declaration of local disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council.
3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of local disaster shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, and shall be given prompt and general publicity.
4. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of local disaster activated the City of Archer City's emergency management plan.
5. Pursuant to section 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including quarantine, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, and fining those who do not comply with the City's rules.
6. That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to comply with State and Federal Guidelines.

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.
8. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.
9. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 24th day of March 2020.



Mayor, City of Archer City