



DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
CITY OF BENBROOK

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; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Benbrook has determined that extraordinary measures must 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 Benbrook's Emergency Management Plan should be activated;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF BENBROOK:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Benbrook, 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 Benbrook'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 proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 16th day of March 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry B. Dittrich".

Jerry B. Dittrich
Mayor, City of Benbrook