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EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

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 January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, United States nationals were transported from Wuhan City, China to several secure locations within the United States identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland (Lackland) in San Antonio Texas, in order to ensure the health and wellbeing of those persons; and

WHEREAS, the identification of “community spread” cases in of the COVID-19 in the United States signals that the transmission of the virus is no longer strictly limited to travel; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between those who have are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Carrizo Springs in Dimmit County, that include banning of individuals, groups of individuals or property to undergo additional measures that prevent or control the spread of disease.; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Greg Abbott, the Governor of the State of Texas, issued a proclamation that declared COVID-19 as an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the CDC issued further revised guidance that persons should avoid social gatherings in groups of more than ten (10) people; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 2.0, which provides an advisory list of critical-infrastructure sectors, workers, and functions that should continue during the COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, the “governor is responsible for meeting... the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters” under Section 418.011 of the Texas Government Code, and the legislature has given the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility; and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.018©, the “governor may control ingress and egress to and from a disaster area and the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in the area;” and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges and supports the decisions of Dimmit County Judge Ponce and efforts made by the Dimmit County and the extraordinary measures being taken to contain COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the Mayor designated Christine Guerrero as the emergency management director of the City of Carrizo Springs, and may exercise the powers granted by the governor on an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease, including isolation, surveillance, quarantine, and

WHEREAS, I, Wayne Seiple, the Mayor of the City of Carrizo Springs have determined extraordinary and immediate measures 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS:

1. That a local state of disaster and public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Carrizo Springs pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state disaster and public health emergency shall continue for a period not more than 30 days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council.
3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Clerk.
4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency activates the City of Carrizo Springs emergency

management plan and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

5. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, every person in the City of Carrizo Springs shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than ten (10) people, save and except for grocery stores, gas stations, banks, pharmacies, and medical providing establishments, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19:
 - a. City of Carrizo Springs Veteran Park is closed until further notice.
 - b. City facilities will be closed to the public with the exception of the landfill for essential services.
 - c. City utility payments can be made via mail, online, or drive thru only.
6. That this declaration hereby requires all persons who have traveled international or who have traveled within the United States to an area where the COVID-19 virus has been reported to spreading as per the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to include the states of New York, Washington, California and any additional states the CDC adds to the list; and have returned to the City of Carrizo Springs are required:
 - a. To stay home or self-quarantine for 14 days from the time you return to the United States or from the time you left an area with widespread, ongoing community spread and practicing social distancing.
 - b. To take these steps to monitor your health and practice social distancing:
 - i. Take your temperature with a thermometer two times a day and monitor for fever. Also watch for cough and trouble breathing
 - ii. Stay home and avoid contact with others. Discuss your work situation with your employer before returning to work.
 - iii. Avoid crowded places as possible and keep your distance from others (6 feet).
 - iv. Avoid contact with others.
7. Pursuant to §418.020(c) of the Government Code, this declaration authorizes the City to commandeer or use any private property.
8. By this declaration, I declare all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the incident and authorize the City Manager to exercise all emergency powers as are available to address this emergency.
9. I authorize the use of all available resources of the state government and political subdivisions to assist in the City's response to this situation.
10. Pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, I Wayne Seiple, as Mayor of the City of Carrizo Springs, in coordination and consultation with the Local Health Authority

further issue further guidance and restrictions set out within the Declaration Regarding Public and Private Gatherings attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and incorporated herein.

11. This declaration hereby authorizes the City Manager to close city facilities, city owned property, such as, library, parks, and playgrounds and adjust employee work scheduled at his discretion.
12. As Mayor, I further reserve all authority and powers conferred by state law to respond as necessary to this situation.
13. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

This Proclamation shall take immediately from and after its issuance.

In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits an offence, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS FOR EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES, MITIGATION PROCEDURES AND RESPONSE PLANS TO THIS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

ORDERED this 7th day of April 2020.



MAYOR WAYNE SEIPLE
City of Carrizo Springs, Texas

Emergency Measures

1. The virus that causes COVID-19 is easily transmitted, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle any influx of patients and safeguard public health and safety.
 2. Because the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, and the need to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, this Declaration prohibits all indoor public and private gatherings and outdoor gatherings within an enclosed space of ten (10) persons or more anywhere in the City of Carrizo Springs beginning at 11:59 PM on April 7, 2020 and continuing for thirty (30) days, unless extended consistent with requirements of state law.
 3. Based on revised guidance by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued on March 16, 2020 the public is strongly urged to avoid social gatherings or more than ten (10) people.
 4. It is strongly recommended that every person and business exercise the social distancing protocols established by the CDC and found within the “Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission” issued by the CDC on or around March 11, 2020 (available online at <https://www.cdc.edc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community-mitigation-strategy.pdf>).
 5. No more than 2 persons in a vehicle at one time with the exception of essential travel and essential services; “Essential Services” shall consist of everything listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version, 2.0. With the exception of essential activities such as (ranch duties, oil field operations).
 6. The City of Carrizo Springs, Texas is taking extra precaution in support of the Executive Order Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency from Dimmit County Judge Francisco Ponce, and taking more stringent measures to contain COVID-19 and prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community and have implemented a general curfew for everyone from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. with the exception of essential travel and essential services to include: (ranch duties, oil field operations), law enforcement officials and emergency personnel. In accordance with Texas Government Code 418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.
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7. A 24-Hour curfew will be in place for children under the age of 18 unless with an adult parent, grandparent, guardian, or close adult relative, Monday through Sunday, with the exception of those working. Children will be allowed to play outside the residence of their adult parent, grandparent, or guardian; and congregation of children without the adult parent, grandparent, or guardian and in groups of more than ten (10) will not be allowed.