

PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated as COVID-19, began to spread throughout the world and now has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the City of Baird Emergency Operations Plan defines a disaster as the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or man-made cause; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster allows the mayor to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, mitigate risk, and promote the health and safety of the residents of the City of Baird; and


WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 in an attempt to prevent its spread throughout the City of Baird, potentially requiring individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional measures that prevent or control the spread of disease; and

WHEREAS, to protect the lives and health of Baird citizens, in accordance with President Trump and Governor Abbott's emergency declarations, the City of Baird will follow suit to mitigate and reduce risks of exposure to COVID-19 in our community; and

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

1. A local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for Baird, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to Section 418.108 (b) of the Government Code, the State of Disaster for public health emergency 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 Baird, Texas.
3. Pursuant to Section 418.108 (c) of the Government Code, this declaration of the local State of Disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the city administrator.
4. Pursuant to Section 418.108 (d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local State of Disaster activates the City of Baird Emergency Management Plan.
5. Pursuant to the Government Code – the mayor of Baird, Office of Emergency Management, and Local Health Authority are strongly urging compliance with the following: all gatherings should adhere to the CDC's recommendations for the next eight (8) weeks; that organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of fifty (50) or more people, but non-compliance is not punishable by law.
6. This proclamation shall take effect immediately.

DECLARED this 17th day of March 2020 at 6:00 p.m.



Donny Smith, Mayor, City of Baird