

**CITY OF POST OAK BEND
MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, 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, President Donald Trump has proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency in the United States, and Governor Greg Abbott has declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas, and has issued Executive Orders to mitigate the spread of COVID 19; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing and shortness of breath. The virus can cause death, and has already caused more than 24 deaths in the State of Texas alone; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Post Oak Bend and Kaufman County, and additionally, potentially requiring individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional measures that prevent or control the spread of disease; and

WHEREAS, Kaufman County has issued a Shelter-in-Place Order, and Kaufman County and the City of Post Oak Bend have already taken other measures to prepare for and prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the municipal level; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of the City of Post Oak Bend citizens; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster in the City of Post Oak Bend will facilitate and expedite procurement, use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF POST OAK BEND, TEXAS:

TO HEREBY CERTIFY that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat to the City of Post Oak Bend, and that a local State of Disaster for Public Health Emergency is hereby declared for the City of Post Oak Bend, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.018(a) of the Texas Government Code; and

Pursuant to Section 418.018(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless extended by the City Council of Post Oak Bend, Texas; and

Pursuant to Section 418.018(c) of the Government Code, 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; and

Pursuant to Section 418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Post Oak Bend emergency management plan.

Furthermore, consistent with guidance from the White House and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the State of Texas Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Orders that all public gatherings of greater than 10 people, be postponed or cancelled.

This proclamation should take effect immediately from and after its issuance

DECLARED this 26th Day of March 2020



Hank Warden, Mayor

City of Post Oak Bend