



# CITY OF BAY CITY

1901 FIFTH STREET ★ BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414  
(979) 245-2137 ★ FAX (979) 323-1626  
cityofbaycity.org

**ROBERT K. NELSON**  
MAYOR

## DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, in the state of Texas there are at least 24 confirmed cases with at least one being in Matagorda County; and

WHEREAS, schools businesses and other governmental entities are beginning to alter their schedules, and some venues are beginning to temporarily close, as precautionary responses to the increasing presence of COVID-19 in the City of Bay City as well as Matagorda County; and

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

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and minimize the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of residents of the City of Bay City; and

WHEREAS, declaring a local disaster will facilitate and expedite the use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

WHEREAS, Robert K. Nelson, Mayor of the City of Bay City is following the extraordinary measures put forth by the Matagorda County Judge to help alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property,

Now, THEREFORE, I Robert K. Nelson the Mayor of the City of Bay City, Texas do hereby proclaim as certified by Nate McDonald, Matagorda County Judge that COVID-19 poses and imminent threat of disaster.

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Matagorda County, 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 shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Matagorda County, Texas.
3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
4. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Matagorda County emergency management plan.

That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance. DECLARED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

Robert K. Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Rhonda Clegg, City Secretary