

CITY OF BURLESON
DECLARATION OF
LOCAL DISASTER AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
(13th Declaration and Order)

WHEREAS, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, with symptoms including fever, cough, and shortness of breath and with outcomes ranging from mild to severe illness and in some cases death;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic;

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action;

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of Covid-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action for the protection of the citizens of the city of Burleson, Texas;

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump declared a State of National Emergency for the United States of America on March 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott issued a State of Disaster for all Texas counties for COVID-19 on March 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, County Judge Glen Whitley issued a Declaration of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency for Tarrant County for COVID-19 on March 19, 2020;

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

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, or placement of persons under public health observation, including the provision of temporary housing or emergency shelters for persons misplaced or evacuated and request assistance from the governor of state resources;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Burleson, executed an order of local disaster and public health emergency on March 14, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Burleson, in response to the ever-changing COVID-19 pandemic, amended the declaration of local disaster and public health emergency on March 18, 2020, March 23, 2020, March 25, 2020, April 3, 2020, April 20, 2020, April 28, 2020, May 7, 2020, May 19, 2020, June 25, 2020, June 30, 2020, and November 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, Mayor Chris Fletcher has determined that additional extraordinary and immediate 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;

WHEREAS, Mayor Chris Fletcher hereby issues this 13th Declaration of Public Health Emergency to implement additional measures to ensure the protection of the general public in the City of Burleson;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Relief Act of 1975, this declaration of local disaster and public health emergency issued by Mayor Chris Fletcher may not be continued or renewed for a period of more than seven days except with the consent of the City Council;

WHEREAS, contemporaneously with the Mayor's execution of this declaration of local disaster and public health emergency, the City Council of the City of Burleson desires to continue and renew this declaration; and

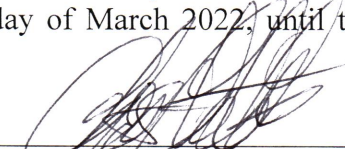
WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the Mayor under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, Mayor Chris Fletcher authorizes the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist in the City's response to this situation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY MAYOR CHRIS FLETCHER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BURLESON:

1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein and made findings of fact.
2. That all of the regulations provided herein are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.
3. That the previously declared local state of disaster and public health emergency for the City of Burleson, Texas is hereby renewed, restated, and continued, as amended herein.
4. That this declaration of disaster and public health emergency shall continue for seven days unless the same is otherwise removed or continued and renewed again by the City Council of the City of Burleson, Texas.
5. That 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 Secretary, pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code.
6. That the City's Emergency Operations Plan shall continue to be implemented and executed.

7. That all provisions of this Declaration should be interpreted to effectuate this intent. To the greatest extent possible, this Declaration shall be interpreted as consistent with and supplemental to any executive order issued by the Texas Governor. All provisions of the executive orders and proclamations of the Texas Governor either existing or subsequently issued, and which are made applicable to all jurisdictions by law, shall be automatically incorporated herein by reference as if written word for word and constitute terms of this Declaration, and shall be enforceable as if set forth herein without the necessity for the issuance of any further orders.
8. That the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this declaration are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this declaration should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences paragraphs and sections that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions of this declaration are severable.
9. That this declaration is issued in accordance with and incorporates by reference any declaration or order of disaster previously issued and adopted by the City of Burleson. In the event of a conflict between this declaration and a prior declaration or order pertaining to COVID-19, this declaration prevails.
10. That this declaration shall take effect immediately.

ORDERED by Mayor Chris Fletcher and simultaneously continued and renewed by the City Council of the City of Burleson this the 7th day of March 2022, until the 5th day of July, 2022, pursuant to the terms herein.


Chris Fletcher, Mayor
City of Burleson, Texas

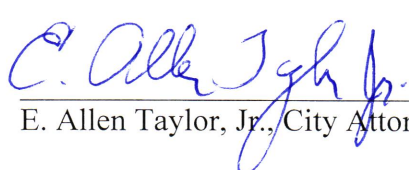
ATTEST:


Amanda Campos, City Secretary

(City Seal)



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


E. Allen Taylor, Jr., City Attorney