CITY OF LINDSAY

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2, which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who 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 Lindsay TX and Cooke County, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, and property and, additionally, including compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease;

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

1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Lindsay, 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 days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Lindsay, Texas.
3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(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.
4. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City emergency management plan.

5. Pursuant to section 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including quarantine, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, and fining those who do not comply with the City's rules.
6. Any individual, group of individuals, or property subject to a Local Health Authority Order restricting the movement of that individual or group of individuals or restricting movement to, from, or within that property, shall limit ingress and egress and take such measures as specified by that Local Health Authority Order.
7. Throughout the term of this disaster declaration the City of Lindsay will postpone water shutoffs for customers unable to pay their bills. There will be no disconnection or late penalties applied during this period.
8. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

The purpose of this order is for emergency protective measures, mitigation procedures and response plans to this public health emergency.

Ordered this 17th day of March, 2020

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