CITY OF LINDSAY

ORDER CONTINUING

DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Lindsay declared a local state of disaster on March 17, 2020, due to imminent threat from a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2, which causes the disease COVID-19;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the declaration of local state of disaster may not be continued or renewed for a period of more than seven (7) days except with the consent of the City Council of the City of Lindsay;

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Lindsay 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;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Lindsay has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lindsay, Texas, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), has consented to continue the declaration of local state of disaster for the City of Lindsay, Texas.

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

1. That the local state of disaster for public health emergency resulting from SARS-CoV2 is hereby continued for the City of Lindsay, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code.
2. 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.
3. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster continues the activation of the City emergency management plan.
4. This Declaration continuing a local state of disaster shall be effective for sixty (60) days on and from its date of issuance, provided however that this declaration may be terminated before the

expiration of sixty (60) days by subsequent order of the Mayor, and may be continued or renewed beyond sixty (60) days from its date of issuance only with the consent of the City Council of the City of Lindsay, Texas.

5. Pursuant to section 122.005 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster authorizes the City to take any actions or adopt rules necessary or expedient to promote health and suppress disease, including:
    a. To prevent the introduction of a communicable disease into the municipality, including stopping, detaining, and examining a person coming from a place that is infected or believed to be infected with a communicable disease and regulating ingress and egress of persons within the City;
    b. To establish, maintain, and regulate hospitals in the municipality or in any area within five miles of the municipal limits;
    c. To abate any nuisance that is or may become injurious to the public health;
    d. To establish quarantine rules; and
    e. To enforce those rules in the municipality and in any area within 10 miles of the municipality..
6. Any individual, group of individuals, or property subject to an order of the City of Lindsay restricting the movement of that individual or group of individuals or restricting movement to, from, or within that property, shall abide by the terms of the order.
7. All events on city property, rights-of-way, and city owned or leased facilities including J.M. Lindsay Park, that consist of gatherings of 10 people or more shall be cancelled or postponed for the duration of this declaration of a local state of disaster.
8. Throughout the term of this declaration of a local state of disaster, 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.
9. Pursuant to Section 418.173 of the Texas Government Code, Peace Officers and the Lindsay Volunteer Fire Department, also known as, Lindsay Volunteer Fire & Rescue, are hereby authorized to enforce this order. A person who violates any emergency plan, order (including this order), rule or ordinance enacted or adopted as a part of the response to this disaster shall be guilty of a misdemeanor violation punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1000) or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one hundred and eighty (180) days.
10. This proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

It is hereby **ORDERED**, this 24th day of March, 2020.

SCOTT NEU, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MONICA LAUX, CITY SECRETARY