

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
CITY OF FREEPORT

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and recently been declared a global pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, there have been over 30 cases of COVID-19 confirmed in the State of Texas, including 16 in the Houston metropolitan area; and,


WHEREAS, COVID-19 is extremely contagious and extraordinary measures must be taken to contain the virus and prevent its spread throughout the City of Freeport, Brazoria County and the region, including the quarantine of individuals, groups and property, and additionally, includes compelling individuals, groups or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease; and,

WHEREAS, it is critical to take extraordinary steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health of the residents of Freeport Texas.

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Freeport Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas 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 City Council of the City of Freeport, Texas.
3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas 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 §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the County Emergency Management Plan adopted by the city of Freeport.
5. Pursuant to the authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas, this proclamation also authorizes the City of Freeport to take any and all further lawful actions necessary to contain, control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the City of Freeport.
6. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 20th day of March, 2020.



Brooks Bass, Mayor
City of Freeport, Texas

