

**CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS**  
**DECLARATION OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, Governor Abbott declared a state of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas due to COVID-19 posing an imminent threat of disaster in the state and that disaster declaration continues in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") recommends an "All of Community" approach focused on slowing the transmission of COVID-19 through social distancing and the use of face coverings to reduce illness and death; and

**WHEREAS**, scientific evidence has proven that COVID-19 is a highly communicable disease that has affected people to varying degrees, depending upon age and health condition, and it has the potential to affect a significant portion of the local population based on the current rate of community transmission, placing increased persons at risk for serious health complications, resulting in hospitalization and possibly death; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the recent increase of the positivity rate of COVID-19 cases in Williamson and Travis Counties and the surrounding areas within the last three weeks, the local public health authority strongly recommends the immediate implementation of increased health safety measures be required in the City to help slow the community transmission of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas Government Code Chapter 418, Section 418.108, authorizes the Mayor of the City of Leander to declare a local state of disaster and exercise the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 418.004(a) of the Texas Government Code defines disaster as he occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause, including fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, oil spill or other water contamination, volcanic activity, epidemic, air contamination, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, riot, hostile military or paramilitary action, extreme heat, cybersecurity event, other public calamity requiring emergency action, or energy emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of local disaster includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, and promote the health and safety of individuals in the City;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED AND ORDERED**, pursuant to the authority granted in the Texas Disaster Act of Texas Government Code Chapter 418, as follows:

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Leander pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. By this declaration, the City of Leander's Emergency Management Plan is activated, and all other statutory, Charter, and ordinance powers vested in me and all officers of the City

to act in this local state of disaster are activated. This declaration shall also activate all recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local and interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of all aid and assistance as deemed necessary and desirable by those administering such plans.

3. By this declaration, I declare all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat be suspended for the duration of this declaration and any extension thereof.
4. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Mayor under the Texas Disaster Act of Texas Government Code Chapter 418, I shall exercise any and all necessary powers set out thereunder and I hereby authorize the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist in the City's response to this disaster.
5. Pursuant to the authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas, the City may take all legal actions necessary to protect the health of persons in the City.
6. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 122.006, the City may adopt rules to protect the health of persons in the City, and provide for the establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals.
7. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of a local disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this Declaration and Order unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Leander; Texas;
8. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this Declaration and Order shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

**This Declaration and Order is adopted this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, at 3:30 p.m., effective Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.**



Troy Hill, Mayor  
City of Leander, Texas

Filed with me, the City Secretary of the City of Leander, this the 29 day of June, 2020, by Mayor Troy Hill, whose signature I hereby attest under my hand and seal of the City of Leander.



Dara Crabtree, City Secretary