

**DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY
City of Bevil Oaks, Texas**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and has since spread throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. In some cases, the virus has caused death; and,

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread in Bevil Oaks, Texas and surrounding communities, 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; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF BEVIL OAKS, TEXAS, that:

- 1.) That a state of local disaster is hereby declared for the City of Bevil Oaks pursuant to 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code;
- 2.) Pursuant to 418.108(b) of the 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 Bevil Oaks.
- 3.) Pursuant to 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
- 4.) Pursuant to 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City Emergency Management Plan. This declaration further activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the Declaration, and the preparedness and response aspects of the plans are activated as provided in the plans, in particular, this includes the Jefferson County emergency management plan;
- 5.) Because the City of Bevil Oaks is included within the scope of Jefferson County's emergency management plan, the City hereby recognizes that Jefferson County has declared that, "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."

6.) 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 or competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Declaration that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Order are severable.

7.) This Declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Jefferson County; and

8.) This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

It is hereby ORDERED, this 16th day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca M. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'F'.

Mayor Rebecca M. Ford
City of Bevil Oaks, Texas