

**CITY ALICE, TEXAS
MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO 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, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, 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, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA 08 finding that COVID-19 continues to pose an increasing, imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas, and ordering every person in Texas to comply with certain recommendations of the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC); and

WHEREAS, the City of Alice, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

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

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Alice, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Alice, Texas.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas 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.

SECTION 4. That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Alice, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 5. That this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules, pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 6. That this declaration hereby places the responsibility on controlling public gatherings on the business or venue owner to comply with CDC guidance to the fullest extent possible, as that guidance exists now and is amended hereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jolene Vanover, Mayor of Alice Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby order the following on a citywide basis effective 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on March, 27 2020, subject to extension thereafter:

Order No. 1 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, CDC, and Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA 08, every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.

Order No. 2 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, CDC, and Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA 08, people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.

Order No. 3 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, CDC, and Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA 08, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

Order No. 4 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, CDC, and Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA 08, schools shall temporarily close.

Order No. 5 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, CDC, Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA 08, and Governor Abbott's suspension of certain requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City of Alice shall conduct all government open meetings via remote telephonic or videoconference means, and members of the public will be entitled to participate and address the governmental body during any telephonic or videoconference meeting.

To hold a telephonic or videoconference meeting, City of Alice will post a written notice that gives the public a way to participate remotely, such as a toll-free dial-in number, and that includes an electronic copy of any agenda packet that officials will consider at the meeting.

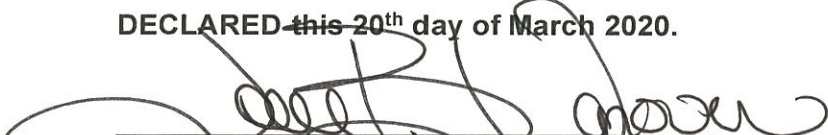
The City of Alice will provide the public with access to a recording of any telephonic or videoconference meeting.

Order No. 6 In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, and Section 122.006

of the Health and Safety Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, is subject to arrest or detention and punishable by a fine up to \$500.00.

Order No. 7 That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

DECLARED ~~this~~ 20th day of March 2020.



Jolene B. Vanover, Mayor, City of Alice

ATTESTED:



Odilia Rodriguez, City Secretary, City of Alice

