

**CITY OF PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS
SECOND MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

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

WHEREAS, prudence dictates that extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals and occupied structures and, additionally, including compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or occupied structures to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott and Nueces County have declared a local disaster due to public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, and under state law and local ordinance and charter, I issued my first Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, subsequent thereto the President of the United States, in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, revised his recommendation on social gatherings from 50 to 10 persons; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction therewith, the City has been evaluating the health and safety aspects of various measures, including, but not limited to, placing limitations on patron occupancies in restaurants and bars in the City to help insure that COVID-19 is contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS:

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

SECTION 2. This Second Mayoral Declaration supersedes and revises, in its entirety, the First Mayoral Declaration of March 16, 2020.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster due to public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the effective date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council. The Mayor may issue other declarations at any time, each of which shall continue for a period of seven (7) days or such lesser time as the Mayor may declare.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster due to public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City's Emergency Management Plan.

SECTION 6. 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, 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 7. The Governor on March 19, 2020 issued Executive Order No. GA-08 relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation and setting forth four Orders. The aforesaid Executive Order is hereby adopted by the City of Port Aransas and will be enforced to the extent allowed by law. The four specific Orders of the Governor contained within said Executive Order No. GA-08 follow:

Order No. 1 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, 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 and the CDC, 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 and the CDC, 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 and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close.

SECTION 8. In addition to the above 4 Executive Orders issued by the Governor, the following four Mayoral Orders are hereby adopted:

- M.O. No. 1 No gathering of people, whether public or private, including, but not limited to, conferences, parties, meetings, weddings, concerts, sports events, reunions, social get-togethers, or other types of assemblages (herein referred to as a “gathering”) shall not exceed 10 people. The immediate cancellation of any such planned gathering is required. The City Council of the City of Port Aransas and its necessary attendees are exempt from this restriction for public meetings, whether a regular, work session, special or emergency meeting.
- M.O. No. 2 All bars, gyms, and massage parlors must close. A bar may, however, provide an alcohol takeout service so long as it adheres to Texas Alcohol & Beverage Commission rules.
- M.O. No. 3 All restaurants, food courts, and cafes and other eating establishments must close all dining areas, both indoor and outdoor, but drive-through, pickup and delivery services are permitted. Any of these may provide an alcohol takeout service so long as it adheres to Texas Alcohol & Beverage Commission rules.
- M.O. No. 4 All grocery stores, including Dollar General, CVS, Family Center IGA, and Stripes Convenience Stores and similar stores, all of which provide essential products and services, are highly encouraged to take action to control hoarding of products and crowd size and spacing of shoppers.

M.O. No. 5 All commercial establishments are highly encouraged to take action to control crowd size and spacing of shoppers.

SECTION 9. This Declaration authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 10. This Declaration is effective at 11:59 p.m. on the date it is signed by the Mayor and terminates at 11:59 p.m. seven (7) days thereafter when this Declaration terminates by operation of law.

SO DECLARED, ORDERED AND SIGNED this 20th day of March, 2020.


Charles Bujan, Mayor