

**SEVEN DAY DECLARATION OF DISASTER**  
**STARTS: MARCH 16, ENDS: MARCH 23, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated as SARS-CoV2 which causes the COVID-19 virus, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO); and

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

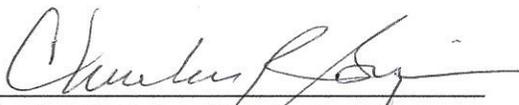
**WHEREAS**, extraordinary measures must be taken to **contain** COVID-19 and **slow** its spread throughout the City, including the banning of community gatherings of over 50 people and, additionally, potentially requiring individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional measures that prevent or control the spread of disease. (Examples of gatherings, whether public or private, include: conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings, beach parties, and other types of assemblies; Schools, churches, Bars and restaurants are excluded from the 50-person rule but should follow CDC recommendations for social distancing and sterilization practices.)

**PUBLIC BEACHES SHALL REMAIN OPEN.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF PORT ARANSAS;**

1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Port Aransas, Texas, pursuant to §418.0108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. This state of disaster for public health emergency 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 Port Aransas, Texas, pursuant to §418.0108(b) of the Texas Government Code.
3. 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, pursuant §418.0108(c) of the Texas Government Code.
4. The declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Port Aransas, Texas Emergency Management Plan and activates all other charter, statutory, and ordinance powers vested in me and all offices of the City of Port Aransas to act for the purposes stated, pursuant §418.0108(d) of the Texas Government Code.
5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

**ORDERED this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.**

  
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Charles R. Bujan, Mayor  
City of Port Aransas, Texas