

**CITY OF PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS
THIRD 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, 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, 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; and Order No. 4, In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close; and

WHEREAS, the Nueces County Judge issued an Order to Shelter in Place on March 25, 2020 to expire April 8, 2020 at 11:50 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Port Aransas, Texas issued his first Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster on March 16, 2020 and has issued a subsequent Declaration or Declarations.

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 Mayoral Declaration supersedes and revises all prior Mayoral Declarations.

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. Until this crisis passes, it is the intent of the Mayor to continue the pronouncement of Declarations such as this to protect the people of Port Aransas.

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. In addition to the above Orders issued by the Governor and the County Judge, the following Mayoral Orders are hereby adopted:

M.O. No. 1 Port Aransas has within it some RV parks in which people live. These RV parks are to be treated as “residences” as defined under the County Judge’s Order. No RVs may be moved into any RV park within the City. Those that exit from the City may not return.

M.O. No. 2 Day or night camping on the beach using a tent or vehicle or other type of enclosure or no type of enclosure, is prohibited.

M.O. No. 3 Fishing from shore whether from the ship channel, jetties or beach is prohibited.

M.O. No. 4 Short term rentals are prohibited, except for persons doing Essential Business.

M.O. No. 5 Movement exercise, such as walking, running, biking, yoga, water sports, or other similar physical exercise on the beach is allowed. Otherwise, no person shall be allowed on the beach.

SECTION 8. This Declaration authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 9. This Declaration is effective at 11:59 p.m. on the 26th_ day of March, 2020 and terminates at 11:59 p.m. seven (7) days thereafter on the __2nd__ day of ___April at 11:59 p.m.___, 2020 when this Declaration terminates by operation of law. 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 declare.

SO DECLARED, ORDERED AND SIGNED this 25th day of March, 2020.


Charles Bujan, Mayor