

**CITY OF PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS
EIGHT 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 April 27, 2020 issued Executive Orders No. GA-18, GA-19 and GA-20 relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation and setting forth Orders. The aforesaid Executive Orders are hereby adopted by the City of Port Aransas and will be enforced to the extent allowed by law.

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 seven (7) 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. Previous Mayoral orders are all removed in this declaration.

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. This Declaration authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools. A violation of this Declaration and of any other Orders of the County Judge or Governor is to be punished in accordance with Section 418.173 Texas Government Code for first offense by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and for a second offense by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and imprisonment up to 180 days.

SECTION 8. This Declaration is effective at 11:59 p.m. on the 27th day of April, 2020 and terminates at 11:59 p.m. three (3) days thereafter on the 30th day of April, 2020 when this Declaration terminates by operation of law.

SO DECLARED, ORDERED AND SIGNED this 27 day of April, 2020.



Charles Bujan, Mayor