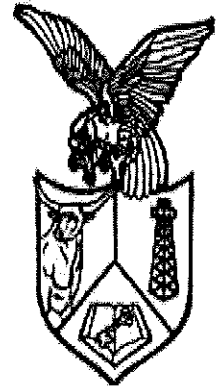


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March 20, 2020

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
Governor's Division of Emergency Management
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Governor Abbott:

The City of Hawkins, Texas, is facing significant threats to life and community spread due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19):

- ◆ The novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV-2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and
- ◆ President Donald Trump has proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency in the United States; and Wood County has declared a local state of disaster; and
- ◆ Costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the county and municipal levels; and
- ◆ The City of Hawkins has already taken significant measures to prepare for and prevent the spread of COVID-19; and
- ◆ It is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of City of Hawkins citizens; and
- ◆ Declaring a state of disaster in the City of Hawkins will facilitate and expedite the procurement, use, and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

The potential impact of this threat is:

- ◆ Rapid spread of the virus throughout the community, resulting in loss of life;

- ◆ Increasing demand for healthcare services and resources, depleting the City's ability to respond quickly;
- ◆ An impact on the local economy due to deduces economic activity.

I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that an effective response is beyond the capability of the City of Hawkins to control.

Pursuant to Section 418.018 of the Texas Government Code, I am hereby notifying you that I have declared a state of local disaster for the City of Hawkins, Texas, effective on March 20, 2020.

Furthermore, I am asking that successive proclamations be issued by your office and remain in effect until the threat of loss of life, and community spread of COVID-19 is contained.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Parker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom Parker
Mayor, City of Hawkins, Texas

CITY OF HAWKINS TEXAS

Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency Related to Communicable Disease

WHEREAS, the disease Covid-19 currently poses a significant health risk to the residents of the City of Hawkins and has been declared a World, National, and State Health Emergency; and,

WHEREAS, as City of Hawkins Mayor, I have concerns regarding inappropriate accommodations for an influx of local Covid-19 patients, personal protective equipment shortages for emergency response personnel and the potential for the escalating spread of the disease in pandemic form; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to preserve and protect the public health of the residents of the City of Hawkins; and,

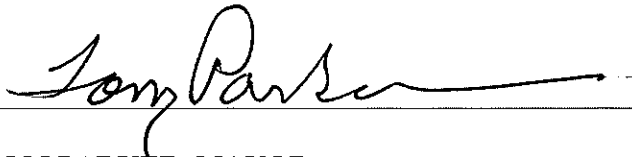
WHEREAS, on the date of this declaration, the Wood County Judge has also issued a declaration of a public health emergency;

NOW THEREFORE , BE IT PROCLAIMED BY TOM PARKER , MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HAWKINS, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster and public health emergency is hereby declared in the City of Hawkins pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the local state of disaster and 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 Hawkins City Council.
3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency activates the City of Hawkins Emergency Management Plan.
5. Pursuant to §418.108(g) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster authorizes the Mayor to control ingress to and egress from the City of Hawkins and to control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises within the City of Hawkins.
6. All officers and employees of the City of Hawkins, including without limitation all law enforcement officers employed by the City of Hawkins are hereby authorized and directed to cooperate to the fullest extent allowed by law with the health authority designated by the City of Hawkins pursuant to Chapter 121 of the Texas Health and Safety Code to enforce any and all communicable disease control measure-" imposed by said health authority pursuant to Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code or other applicable law.

This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED and DECLARED this 20th day of March 2020.



TOM PARKER, MAYOR