

**TOWN OF RANSOM CANYON, TEXAS
AMENDED MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ransom Canyon, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Ransom Canyon, Texas has amended the declaration of March 18, 2020 from its original provision to include directives by the Governor of the State of Texas and additional protocols for the Town

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF RANSOM CANYON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the Town of Ransom Canyon, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the Town of Ransom Canyon, Texas.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code 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.

SECTION 4. That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Town of Ransom Canyon, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 5. That this declaration authorizes the Town to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining hospital access, regulating ingress and egress from the Town, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, emergency locations, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the Town's rules, pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 6. That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.


SECTION 7. Pursuant to the Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 122.006, any individual adult or child having traveled to another country outside of the United States borders or has traveled via cruise ship, within the ten (10) days prior to this declaration and returning to Ransom Canyon, Texas, shall be quarantined at home for 14 days.

SECTION 8. In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

SECTION 8. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 9. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this 20th day of March, 2020.



Mayor
Town of Ransom Canyon, Texas