

**TOWN OF RANSOM CANYON, TEXAS
FOURTH 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, on March 22, 2020, the Governor advised that all Texans should remain at home as much as possible unless they have a pressing need to leave home to go to work at an essential job, to go to the doctor or a healthcare facility, or to go the grocery or a gas station; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Ransom Canyon, Texas has amended its third declaration of March 20, 2020 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 ten (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 ten (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 fourteen (14) days from the date of return to Ransom Canyon

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

SECTION 10. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and will remain in effect until further notice.

SECTION 11. Beginning May 1, 2020, the Town of Ransom Canyon Children's Library will be open for curbside service only and the church, with guidance for houses of worship during the COVID-19 crisis provided by the Attorney General, and local city hall can allow occupancy of no more than 25 percent with individuals taking precautionary measures to protect the most vulnerable populations by practicing social distancing and wearing masks when necessary.

DECLARED this 1st day of May, 2020.



Mayor
Town of Ransom Canyon, Texas