

## DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, beginning in December, 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 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

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath, and, in some cases, the virus has caused death; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Dallas County, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, and property and, additionally, including compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease; and

WHEREAS, Dallas County has declared a local disaster for public health emergency and issued an accompanying order relating to community gatherings;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVING, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Irving, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to section 418.018(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster for 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 City Council of the City of Irving, Texas.

SECTION 3. 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. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Irving's Emergency Management Plan.

SECTION 5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

  
Richard H. Stopfer  
Mayor