



The Office of the Mayor

First Amended Renewal and Continuation of Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency Related to Communicable Disease

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, I, Dr. Andy Mack, as Mayor of the City of Longview, Texas, issued a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency for the City of Longview resulting from the global pandemic of the novel coronavirus designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating the aforesaid declaration continue to exist; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code §418.108(b), the City Council of the City of Longview, Texas, on March 23, 2020, enacted Ordinance No. 4262 consenting to the renewal and continuation of the declaration of local disaster and public health emergency for the City of Longview, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the consent granted by the aforesaid Ordinance No. 4262, on March 23, 2020, I, Dr. Andy Mack, as Mayor of the City of Longview, Texas, issued a renewal and continuation of the aforesaid declaration of local disaster and public health emergency; and,

WHEREAS, since March 23, 2020, additional persons in Gregg County have tested positive for the aforesaid SARS-CoV2 virus; and,

WHEREAS, in his March 22, 2020, press conference, the Governor of the State of Texas acknowledged that cities may need to enact more stringent measures to address this public health emergency; and,

WHEREAS, because of the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, the need to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, the intent to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling essential services to continue, and the desire to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible, this First Amended Renewal and Continuation of Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency Related to Communicable Disease (herein sometimes called this "Order") is required; and,

WHEREAS, this Order is issued based on evidence of increasing occurrence of COVID-19 within the City and throughout the Northeast Texas area, scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the

transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, and evidence that the age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of the City places it at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, making the problem worse, some individuals who contract the COVID-19 virus have no symptoms or have mild symptoms, which means they may not be aware they carry the virus; and,

WHEREAS, because even people without symptoms can transmit the disease, and because evidence shows the disease is easily spread, gatherings can result in preventable transmission of the virus; and,

WHEREAS, the scientific evidence shows that at this stage of the emergency, it is essential to slow virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the healthcare system from being overwhelmed; and,

WHEREAS, one proven way to slow the transmission of the COVID-19 virus is to limit interactions among people to the greatest extent practicable; and,

WHEREAS, by reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this Order helps preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED BY DR. ANDY MACK, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS:

1. The declaration of local disaster and public health emergency issued for the City of Longview on March 16, 2020, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code is hereby renewed and continued.
2. This declaration of local disaster and public health emergency shall continue in effect until the Longview City Council terminates its consent to the continuation of this declaration or until this declaration is terminated by order of the Mayor, whichever occurs first.
3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this renewal and continuation of the declaration of local disaster and public health emergency issued for the City of Longview on March 16, 2020, 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 renewal and continuation of the aforesaid declaration of local disaster and public health emergency continues to activate the Longview Emergency Management Plan.
5. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 4262 of the City of Longview, the Mayor is authorized, without further action of the City Council, to exercise any powers,