

**TOWN OF BARTONVILLE, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 685-20**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BARTONVILLE, TEXAS, DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; MAKING FINDINGS RELATED THERETO; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING AN EXPIRATION DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF.

WHEREAS, beginning in or about December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated 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, the Town of Bartonville is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bartonville has established emergency protective measures, mitigation procedures, and emergency response plans for this type of health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster in all Texas counties, and thereafter Denton County Judge Andy Eads has declared a local state of disaster due to a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on or about Tuesday, March 17, 2020, Mayor Bill Scherer issued a Disaster Declaration due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, said Declaration shall expire on the seventh (7th) day unless continued or renewed by the Town Council of the Town of Bartonville; and

WHEREAS, upon approval of this Ordinance, the Declaration shall expire on its own terms; and

WHEREAS, on or about Thursday, March 19, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA 08 providing further guidance in addressing COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Bartonville, Texas, desires to issue the following declaration of a local state of disaster pursuant to its authority under state law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BARTONVILLE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1

All of the above findings are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2

A local state of disaster due to public health emergency is hereby declared for the Town of Bartonville, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 3

Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster due to public health emergency shall continue from the date of adoption of this Ordinance to 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2020, unless action is taken by the Town Council of the Town of Bartonville, Texas, to repeal, extend or otherwise amend this Ordinance.

SECTION 4

Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this Ordinance declaring a local state of disaster due to public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Town Secretary's Office.

SECTION 5

Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this Ordinance declaring a local state of disaster has resulted in the following:

- this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Town of Bartonville, Texas, emergency management plan and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.
- All Town-sponsored programs, activities and classes are suspended through April 30, 2020.
- Bartonville Municipal Court is delaying all Court proceedings until April 30, 2020.
- All closures and cancellations will be reassessed and modified as conditions change.
- Regular Town Council and Board/Commission meetings are cancelled until further notice.
- All development applications are suspended until further notice.
- Town offices will remain closed to citizen traffic during normal operating hours, and for inquiries, please contact either the Town Administrator or the Town Secretary.

SECTION 6

Closures and cancellations referenced in this Ordinance may be extended, modified or revoked until the threat posed by COVID-19 has passed, as determined by the Mayor.

SECTION 7

The Mayor is granted the authority to direct non-emergency Town personnel to work from home or to otherwise telecommute, as may be required, to mitigate community spread of COVID-19.

SECTION 8

This Ordinance hereby authorizes the Town to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, regulating ingress and egress from the Town, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the Town's rules, pursuant to Section 122.005 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 9

This Ordinance hereby incorporates by reference the provisions of any Executive Order or similar directive issued by the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Texas, or the County Judge of Denton County.

SECTION 10

This Ordinance hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 11

Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster due to public health emergency shall continue from the date of adoption of this Ordinance to 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2020, at which time it shall expire without further action by the Town Council, unless action is taken by the Town Council of the Town of Bartonville, Texas, prior to the expiration date to repeal, extend or otherwise amend this Ordinance.

SECTION 12

This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage and publication.

DULY PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BARTONVILLE, TEXAS, ON THIS 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.



DocuSigned by:

Bill Scherer, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Tammy Dixon

Tammy Dixon, Town Secretary