

**REISSUANCE OF LOCAL DECLARATION OF DISASTER AND
ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THE CITY OF
ROCKDALE, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Trump acknowledged the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic, releasing strict new guidelines to limit people's interactions, including that Americans should avoid groups of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code Section, Mayor John King of the City of Rockdale issued a Declaration of State of Disaster and Public Health Emergency ("Declaration") on March 17, 2020 with amendment on March 19, 2020, due to a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.108(b) The City Council extended both local Declarations of State of Disaster and Public Health Emergency ("Declaration") in a Special Called meeting on Monday, March 23, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the on-going evaluation of circumstances related to the virus and the updated recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and the Texas Department of State Health Services warranted additional action by the City Council on March 23, 2020.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS, THAT:

1. Effective as of 12:01 a.m. on June 9, 2020, and continuing until terminated by action of the Mayor as authorized by the City Council, the citizens of the City of Rockdale, Texas shall follow the Executive Orders of the Governor's Office of the State of Texas, including policy details and definitions as outlined in the booklet, "Texans Helping Texans – Governor's Report to Open Texas" dated April 27, 2020. The most current Executive Orders may be located at <https://gov.texas.gov/>.
2. The City Council of the City of Rockdale, Texas encourages citizens to continue maintaining their "social distancing" and safe health protocols as outlined by the CDC and DSHS. The City Council strongly advocates the following:
 - A. Use of face mask/covering for mouth and nose when in public areas;
 - B. Social distancing of at least 6 feet;
 - C. Frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer;
 - D. Shelter in place to avoid potential spread of virus, especially if symptoms are evident or if exposed to someone with COVID; and
 - E. Use of remote methods of communication, when possible.
3. The Mayor and City Council will continue to monitor the COVID cases as reported through Milam County. Once Milam County experiences a two week period with no new reported cases, the Mayor will review the Disaster Declaration for any necessary revisions, as authorized by the City Council.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rockdale, Texas on the 8th day of June, 2020.

CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS

ATTEST:



Terry Blanchard, TRMC
City Secretary



John E. King, Mayor