

**CITY OF JEWETT, TEXAS
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, On March 17, 2020, Leon County declared a local state of disaster due to public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, over 54,453 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in the United States including 737 deaths according to the CDC as of March 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the known cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in the State of Texas is currently increasing daily with 974 positive or presumed positive cases across Texas including 12 deaths according to Texas Department of State Health Services as of March 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a large gathering of unidentifiable individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection may pose a risk of the spread of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, unless the actions as hereby provided are immediately initiated, avoidable serious illness or death could occur; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jewett, 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.

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

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Jewett, 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 City of Jewett, 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 City of Jewett emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 5. That pursuant to Section 418.020(d) of the Texas Government Code, the City of Jewett is authorized to: (1) temporarily or permanently acquire by lease, purchase, or other means sites required for installation of temporary housing units or emergency shelters for disaster victims; and (2) enter into arrangements necessary to prepare or equip the sites to use the housing units or shelters, including arrangements for the purchase of temporary housing units or shelters and the payment of transportation charges.

SECTION 6. That pursuant to Section 122.005 of the Health and Safety Code, this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules.

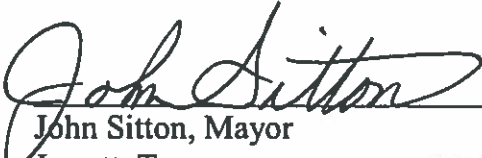
SECTION 7. That this proclamation hereby recommends the gatherings to not more than what the federal guidelines or recommendations provide. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.

SECTION 8. That this proclamation hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.


SECTION 9. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately upon its issuance by the Mayor of the City of Jewett, Texas.

DECLARED this 26th day of March 2020.

Filed with me, Sharon Weiler, City Secretary of the City of Jewett, this 26th day of March, 2020, by Mayor John Sitton whose signature I hereby certify is true and genuine, with general publicity of the foregoing Proclamation being put into effect the same date as the signing thereof.



John Sitton, Mayor
Jewett, Texas



Sharon Weiler, City Secretary
Jewett, Texas

