

# City of Bellaire

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## DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a contagious respiratory virus, and its rapid global spread has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization; 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, pursuant to § 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services has determined that COVID-19 represents a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and on March 19, 2020, declared a state of public health disaster for the entire State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bellaire, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease, and it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to and mitigate its impact to protect the public health and welfare in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a local state of disaster in the City of Bellaire, Texas, will facilitate and expedite the use and deployment of resources to enhance the City's preparedness and response;

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

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

2. Pursuant to § 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 days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas.

3. Pursuant to § 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 Clerk.

4. Pursuant to § 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency activates the City of Bellaire, Texas, emergency management plan.

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

**ORDERED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



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Andrew S. Friedberg  
Mayor  
City of Bellaire, Texas