



City of Clarksville

Established 1833



FOURTH AMENDED PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV-2 which causes the coronavirus disease COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China, has spread throughout the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness and in some cases death; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and advised countries to prepare for the containment, including active surveillance, early detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing, and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the growing number of COVID-19 cases that have spread into the United States; 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 and deaths could occur; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and

WHEREAS, the identification of "community spread" cases of COVID-19 in the region could potentially signal that transmission of the virus may no longer be limited to travel to outbreak areas or contact with travelers who have visited outbreak areas, and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Red River County declared a local disaster for public health emergency and has subsequently amended its disaster declarations; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott extended the March 13, 2020, statewide public health disaster for thirty additional days; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2020, Governor Abbot issued Executive Order GA-16, which supersedes Executive Order GA-14, but does not supersede Executive Orders GA-09, GA-10, GA-11, GA-12, GA-13, or GA-15, and implements on a statewide basis effective immediately, and continuing through April 30, 2020, subject to extension based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, in accordance with guidance from DSHS Commissioner Dr. Hellerstedt, and to achieve the goals established by the President to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the requirement that every person in Texas shall, except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services or reopened services, as those terms are defined therein, minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Clarksville and Red River County, including requiring individuals, groups of individuals, or property to be subject to additional measures that prevent or control the spread of disease; and

WHEREAS, I, Mayor Rushing issued an initial declaration of local disaster on March 17, 2020, and issued an amended declaration of local disaster on April 13, 2020, that included the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease and mitigate the risk to, and promote the health and safety of, the residents of the City of Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a resolution on March 17, 2020, extending said local disaster until March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council granted the Mayor with the authority to extend the declaration of local disaster beyond March 31, 2020, and the City's Emergency Management Plan grants the Mayor the ability to take additional measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease and mitigate the risk to, and promote the health and safety of, the residents of the City of Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, I issued a Third Amended Declaration on April 13, 2020, that extended the local disaster declaration through April 30, 2020, and set forth other measures designed to prevent the spread of disease and deaths in the City of Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, the measures identified in this Fourth Amended Declaration are designed to prevent the spread of disease and deaths in the City of Clarksville; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE GOVERNING BODY, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, A GENERAL LAW TYPE A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, BODY POLITIC AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS SITUATED IN RED RIVER COUNTY, TEXAS, AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 418.108 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE (TEXAS DISASTER ACT),

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE:

Section 1. Amendments. Amendments made in this Fourth Amended Declaration from the Third Amended Declaration are included as *italicized text*.

Section 2. Declaration of Local State of Disaster. A local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Clarksville, a Texas general law Type A municipal corporation, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

Section 3. Duration of Local State of Disaster. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), *and the authority granted to me by the City Council through the Resolution extending the Declaration of Local Disaster past March 31st, the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue indefinitely until rescinded or amended by me or City Council.*

Section 4. Publicity and Filing. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(c), 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 5. Activation of the City Emergency Management Plan. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Clarksville emergency management plan and, in conjunction with the authority delegated by the City Council, grants the Mayor the powers set forth herein; including, but not limited to, the power to temporarily close City buildings, facilities, and certain uses thereof; to temporarily postpone all non-essential municipal court proceedings; to temporarily suspend all City utility shut-offs to residential customers affected by COVID-19; *the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals and other hospitals, and ensuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City rules and directives.*

- A. Limitations on Community Gatherings: *This Declaration includes the following "Minimum Standard Health Protocols" issued by Governor Greg Abbott and attached herein, as follows:*
- i. *Checklist for Outdoor Sports Participants*
 - ii. *Checklist for Churches/Places of Worship*
 - iii. *Checklist for Museums and Libraries*
 - iv. *Checklist for Retailers*
 - v. *Checklist for Restaurants*

*This Declaration hereby **recommends** you do **NOT** attend gatherings of more than 10 people. In all such settings, the Mayor of the City of Clarksville recommends following Social Distancing Recommendations, and personal hygiene measures, including providing hand sanitizer and facial tissues.*

- B. Closure of Game Rooms: All game rooms shall be closed effective March 31, 2020, at 11:59 P.M., and continuing until this Declaration of Disaster shall expire. Game rooms which are operated within other businesses, such as convenience stores and restaurants, may continue operations of the other business, pursuant to the President and Governor's proclamations, as long as all game machines are non-operational.
- C. City-wide Curfew: Effective Monday, March 31, 2020, at 10:00 P.M., a curfew is in place throughout the City starting at 10:00 P.M. every night and ending at 6:00 A.M. the following morning for all persons not performing essential governmental functions, traveling to or from work, traveling through Red River County from one county to another, or seeking emergency medical care. This curfew shall continue as ordered until the expiration of the Declaration of Disaster.
- D. Restrictions on Area Nursing Homes. Effective April 14, 2020, Clarksville Nursing Center and Focused Care are to restrict the admittance of new patients to individuals who either live in Red River County or to those who have immediate family to the second degree by consanguinity or affinity. Any new patients must be tested for COVID-19 and receive a "negative" test result within the previous 24 hours prior to admittance or must be isolated for fourteen (14) days upon entering the nursing home.

Section 6. Temporary Housing and Emergency Shelter. Pursuant to Section 418.020(d) of the Texas Government Code, the City of Clarksville 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 7. Protective Control Measures and Facilities. Pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the City of Clarksville is authorized to adopt rules to protect the health of persons in the City of Clarksville, including quarantine rules to protect its residents against communicable disease and provide for the establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals.

Section 8. Reporting of COVID-19 Testing. All public, private, and commercial labs within the City of Clarksville shall report the number of positive COVID-19 tests conducted on a daily basis to the City of Clarksville.

Section 9. Penalties. Pursuant to Section 418.173 of the Texas Government Code, Peace officers, City of Clarksville Code Department inspectors, and the Office of the Clarksville Fire Marshall, are hereby authorized to enforce this order. Persons who violate this Order commit a misdemeanor violation punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately upon its issuance by the Mayor of the City of Clarksville, Texas.

I HEREBY DECLARE A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER WITHIN THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE to continue indefinitely until rescinded or amended by me or City Council.

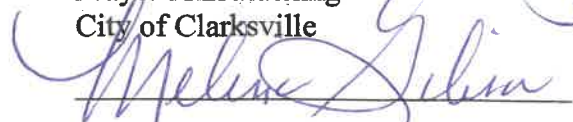
ACCORDINGLY, I further proclaim activation of the City Emergency Management Plan and the activation of all other statutory and ordinance powers vested in me and all officers of the City of Clarksville to act in the premises and for the purposes stated. Prompt and general publicity is hereby proclaimed and ordered as to the issuance of this Proclamation.

ORDERED this 30th day of April, 2020, in the City of Clarksville, Red River County, Texas, in witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name.

Filed with me, City Secretary Melissa Gibson of the City of Clarksville this 30th day of April, 2020, by Mayor Ann Rushing 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.



Mayor Ann Rushing
City of Clarksville



City Secretary Melissa Gibson
City of Clarksville

Social Distancing Recommendations

1) Vulnerable Populations: Limit Outings

- a. Vulnerable populations include people who are:
 - i. 60 years old and older; or
 - ii. People with certain health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease, and weakened immune systems.
- b. For vulnerable populations, don't go to gatherings (of 10 people or more) unless it is essential. If you can telecommute, you should avoid people who are sick.

2) Workplace and Businesses: Minimize Exposure

- a. Suspend nonessential employee travel.
- b. Minimize the number of employees working within arm's length of one another, including minimizing or canceling large in-person meetings and conferences.
- c. Urge employees to stay home when they are sick and maximize flexibility in sick leave benefits.
- d. Permit sick employees to stay home without providing a doctor's note.
- e. Consider use of telecommuting options.
- f. Some people need to be at work to provide essential services of great benefit to the community. They can take steps in their workplace to minimize risk.