

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR THE CITY OF SANTA FE, TEXAS

WHEREAS, a Declaration of Local Disaster is hereby issued on this 18th day of March 2020, to allow the City of Santa Fe, Texas to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to the COVID – 19 virus and to promote the health and safety of our residents; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, a Declaration of the State of Disaster was issued by Texas Governor Greg Abbott to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of the COVID – 19 virus and to protect the health and welfare of Texans; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and the Prevention (CDC) recommends an “All of Community” approach focused on slowing the transmission of COVID – 19 through social distancing to reduce illness and death, while minimizing social and economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, Due to the substantial risks to the public, reducing Community Gatherings to 50% capacity or a maximum of fifty (50) persons or less anywhere in the City of Santa Fe in effort to slow the transmission of the COVID – 19 virus and reduce illness and death;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby **ORDERED** by the Mayor as the presiding officer of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, in accordance with the authority of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, including without limitation Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, that:

1.) a local state of disaster is hereby **DECLARED** for the City of Santa Fe, Texas, and the Mayor deems it in the public interest to **PROHIBIT** any public or private Community Gathering (as defined in Section 2 below) anywhere in the City of Santa Fe, Texas.

In addition, the Mayor of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, deems it in the public interest to urge all individuals who are at the highest risk from COVID – 19, as determined and defined by the CDC, to refrain from attending any Community Gatherings or events that will have or likely have more than ten (10) people.

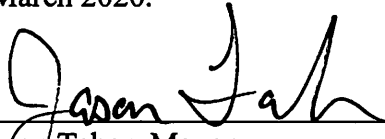
2.) Definitions.

- a. For purposes of this Order, a “Community Gathering” means any indoor or outdoor event or activity, subject to the exceptions and classifications below, that brings together or is likely to bring together fifty (50) or more persons at the same time.
- b. Restaurants, bars, fitness centers, and events centers shall have no more than 50% of capacity at any given time. Establishment shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with this provision. Capacity is defined as the maximum occupancy limit as prescribed by the Santa Fe Fire Marshal for total capacity inside and outside.
- c. This order does not regulate the gathering of public schools and grocery stores.

3.) Penalty. Peace officers of the City of Santa Fe, Code inspectors, and the Office of the Fire Marshal, are hereby authorized to enforce this Order. It is the responsibility of the business owner, organizer, or any other person responsible for any indoor or outdoor event or activity to ensure compliance of this order. It shall be unlawful for any business owner, organizer, or any other person responsible for any indoor or outdoor event or activity to allow a community gathering as described herein, and any person so described shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

This Declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary of the City of Santa Fe, Texas; this Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

IT IS HEREBY **ORDERED**, this 18th day of March 2020.



Jason Tabor, Mayor
City of Santa Fe, Texas