

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER
FOR
THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, beginning in December of 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and has since spread throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. In some cases, the virus has caused death; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ames on 17th day of March 2020, is under imminent threat of a public health emergency due to: **COVID-19**; and

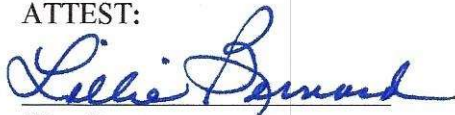
WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Ames has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 throughout the City of Ames, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, property, and additionally, compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of the disease. The City of Ames is prohibiting in-person interactions of large events and mass gatherings of ten (10) persons or more including conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings, and other types of assemblies. This recommendation does not apply to the day to day operation of organizations such as schools, institutes of higher learning, or businesses, in accordance with CDC recommendations.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Ames pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Ames.
3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Ames' Emergency Management Plan.
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This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance, **ORDERED THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH 2020 AT 5:30 pm.**

ATTEST:


City Secretary


John White, Mayor

ATTENTION

**DUE TO CORONAVIRUS THE CITY HALL
HOURS HAVE CHANGED
BEGINNING MARCH 17,2020
WE WILL BE OPEN
MONDAY-TUESDAY
8:00AM-5:00PM
AND
WE WILL BE CLOSED
ON
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY PLEASE CALL LILLIE
BERNARD @ (936)336-7704
ALL PAYMENTS CAN BE PUT IN THE DROP BOX
ON THE DAYS THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**