

CITY OF SAN AUGUSTINE, TEXAS
PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

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, 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; and

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

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of San Augustine and San Augustine County, including the limitation of community gatherings of over ten (10) people, as ordered by the Governor of the State of Texas, and potentially requiring individuals, groups of individuals, or property to be subject to additional measures that prevent or control the spread of disease; and

WHEREAS, the State Office of Court Administration, in consultation with the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, and Regional Presiding Judges has provided guidance recommending postponement of all non-essential court proceedings, minimizing staff, and taking all other appropriate measures to prevent the spread of disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020 the Federal Emergency Management Agency designated the COVID-19 Pandemic to be designated as Disaster DR-4485; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster includes 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 San Augustine; and

WHEREAS, the San Augustine County Judge issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, the measures identified in this Declaration are designed to prevent illness and deaths in the City of San Augustine; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE GOVERNING BODY, THE BOARD OF COUNCILMEN OF THE CITY OF SAN AUGUSTINE, A GENERAL LAW TYPE A MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF TEXAS SITUATED IN SAN AUGUSTINE 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 SAN AUGUSTINE:

I HEREBY DECLARE A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER WITHIN THE CITY OF SAN AUGUSTINE to continue until April 8, 2020 subject to the continuation or renewal of the City Council of the City of San Augustine upon the expiration of seven (7) days as provided by Texas Government Code Section 418.108.

ACCORDINGLY, I further proclaim activation of the County Emergency Management Plan previously adopted by the City Council and the activation of all other statutory and ordinance powers vested in me and all officers of the City of San Augustine to act in the premises and for the purposes stated.

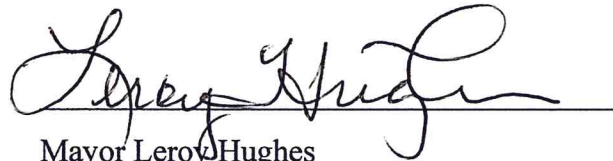
The City will observe and adhere to the Executive Order issued by the County Judge, Jeff Boyd, on March 30, 2020, attached hereto until such time as the same or other document is adopted by the City Council prior to expiration of this Proclamation.

Penalties. Pursuant to Section 418.173 of the Texas Government Code, Peace officers of the City of San Augustine and San Augustine County are hereby authorized to enforce this order. A person who violates any emergency plan, order (including this order), rule or ordinance enacted or adopted as part of the emergency management of this event shall be guilty of a misdemeanor violation punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days.

Prompt and general publicity is hereby proclaimed and ordered as to the issuance of this Proclamation.

ORDERED this 1st day of April, 2020, in the City of San Augustine, San Augustine County, Texas, in witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name.

Filed with City Secretary, Cinda Garner of the City of San Augustine this 1st day of April, 2020, by Mayor Leroy Hughes 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 Leroy Hughes
City of San Augustine



Cinda Garner, City Secretary
City of San Augustine