



CITY OF KILLEEN  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER FOR**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, beginning December 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

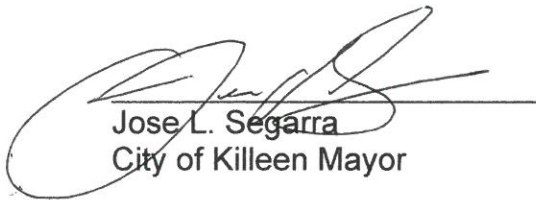
**WHEREAS**, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Killeen, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, and property and, additionally, including compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE CITY OF KILLEEN, TEXAS:**

1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Killeen, Texas pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. That pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless extended by the City Council of Killeen, Texas.
3. That pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
4. That pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Killeen emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under this declaration.
5. That this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including, but not limited to, the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules and directives.

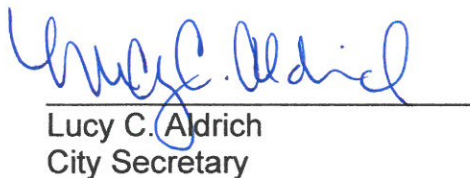
6. That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than fifty (50) people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than fifty (50) people until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where fifty (50) persons are present in a confined space, room or area.
7. In accordance with Texas Government Code section 418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 per day and/or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.
8. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.
9. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance, and upon approval of the City Council, shall continue in effect until terminated by the Mayor. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the Mayor at any time as deemed necessary.

DECLARED this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
Jose L. Segarra  
City of Killeen Mayor



Filed with me, the City Secretary of the City of Killeen, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, by Mayor Jose L. Segarra.

  
Lucy C. Aldrich  
City Secretary