



FC-2 DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, beginning in December, 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated as COVID-19, was detected in mainland China, and has since spread throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic on March 11th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Franklin County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That a state of disaster is declared for Franklin County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418 of the Texas Government Code.
2. That the County's Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.
3. Pursuant to Section 418 of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of the local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
4. Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, the Franklin County Commissioners' Court and Office of Emergency Management strongly urges compliance with the following:
 - i) The Court adopts all measures of the April 27, 2020 Executive Order of Governor Greg Abbott, GA-18 as attached hereto. Also see Texans Helping Texans at gov.texas.gov
 - ii) In addition, locked businesses of less than 10 employees may operate under the following guidelines:
 - a) The doors to the business must remain locked to the public at all times and may be opened by key or by appointment only.
 - b) All individuals inside the business must remain at least 6 feet distance from all other individuals.
 - c) If it is necessary for the business operator to be closer than 6 feet to the client, the operator must wear a protective mask.
 - d) All equipment used by the business operator or client must be sanitized between uses. All business operators must exercise proper hand sanitizing at all times.
5. That all measures of this declaration shall take effect at 1:00 pm on the 1st day of May, 2020, unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by this court.
6. The goal of this order is to reopen the Franklin County economy while reopening Franklin County safely.

ORDERED this 1 day of May, 2020

Scott Lee, Franklin County Judge

Jerry Cooper, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Larkin Jumper, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Charlie Emerson, Commissioner, Pct.

Sam Young, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST: Betty Crane, County Clerk

