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**CITY OF HURST** **Office of the Mayor**  
**FIRST AMENDED DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER  
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has declared the novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 was first detected in in Wuhan, China in December 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Greg Abbott issued a State of Disaster for all Texas counties for COVID-19 on March 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, County Judge Glen Whitley issued a Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency for Tarrant County for COVID-19 on March 13, 2020, and the City will strongly consider the recommendations as set forth in accordance with the County's Declaration and adhere to all applicable laws; and

**WHEREAS**, President Donald Trump declared a State of National Emergency for the United States of America on March 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms of **COVID-19** can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of mitigation strategies can slow the transmission of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, this Declaration activates the City's emergency management plan; and


**WHEREAS**, I, Henry Wilson, Mayor of Hurst has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate the efficient, rapid, and cooperative response and recovery to the emergency;

**WHEREAS**, I, Henry Wilson, the Mayor of the City of Hurst issued a Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on March 18, 2020 and hereby issue this First Amended Declaration of Public Health Emergency to implement additional measures to ensure the protection of the general public in the City of Hurst.

**NOW THEREFORE**, Be It Declared and Proclaimed by The Mayor of Hurst that:

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for Hurst, pursuant to the City of Hurst Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7, Section 7-6 and §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. The state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Hurst City Council, pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code.
3. This declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code.
4. This declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Hurst Emergency Plan, pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code.
5. The City of Hurst operates under the Tarrant County Emergency Management Plan and the Tarrant County Health Department, and will adhere to and operate under the orders as set out in the attached First Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency and Proclaimed by the Tarrant County Judge B. Glen Whitley, March 19, 2020 at 4:45 p.m. and attached hereto as "Exhibit A". Further, the City of Hurst will adhere to and operate under any future Emergency Orders as approved by either the State of Texas or Tarrant County.
6. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

**ORDERED** this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

  
Henry Wilson, Mayor