

RESOLUTION NO. 03302020  
CONTINUING MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized as a pandemic by the World Health Organization and is a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the state of Texas; and

WHEREAS, as of March 28, 2020, there is only 1 confirmed case of COVID-19 in Hale County, Texas; there are more than 2,053 cases of COVID-19 reported by 111 counties out of 254 in the State of Texas with 67 being reported in Public Health Region 1; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread and to pose an imminent threat of widespread or severe illness, injury, or loss of life requiring emergency action and represents a public health disaster according to the Texas Department of State Health Services; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised that person-to-person contact heightens the risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, as promulgated by President Donald J. Trump and the CDC on March 16, 2020, call upon Americans to slow the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people, using drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options at restaurants and bars, and avoiding visitation at nursing homes, among other steps; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease, including isolation or quarantine.

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster will facilitate and expedite the use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code §418.108 the Mayor of Petersburg, Texas issued a declaration of local disaster on March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to §418.108(b) the Mayor's Declaration of Local Disaster is only effective for a period of seven days unless continued or renewed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, ratifying and continuing the Mayor's Declaration of Local Disaster will facilitate and expedite the use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response; and it will help to protect and preserve the public health, safety and welfare;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PETERSBURG, TEXAS, THAT:**

1. The Mayor's Declaration of Local Disaster dated March 24, 2020, is hereby continued in full force and effect as presented on March 24, 2020 and a copy of that Declaration of Local Disaster is attached to this resolution as Exhibit A and is incorporated fully herein by reference.
2. The Declaration of Local Disaster will continue in effect on March 30, 2020 until renewed, extended, amended or cancelled on April 30, 2020, unless the Council calls a special meeting before that date.