



Westworth Village

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CITY OF WESTWORTH VILLAGE

WHEREAS, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, with symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, cough, and shortness of breath and with outcomes ranging from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation, and case management, contact tracing, and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic; and

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

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the growing number of cases that have spread into the United States, and the identification of “community spread” cases of COVID-19 in the United States that signals that transmission of the virus is occurring; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 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 the City of Westworth Village; and

WHEREAS, Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley issued a Declaration of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency for Tarrant County for COVID-19 on March 13, 2020, and a First Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on March 18, 2020, and a Second Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on March 21, 2020, and an executive order relating to COVID-19 on March 27, 2020, and again on April 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott issued a State of Disaster for all Texas counties for COVID-19 on March 13, 2020, and numerous executive orders relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation on March 19, 2020, March 22, 2020, March 24, 2020, March 26, 2020, March 29, 2020, March 30, 2020, and on March 31, 2020; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the mayor is designated as the emergency management director of the City of Westworth Village, and may exercise the powers granted to the governor on an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to 1) reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, 2) control the risk, 3) promote health, and 4) compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease, including isolation, surveillance, quarantine, or placement of persons under public health observation, including the provision of temporary housing or emergency shelters for persons misplaced or evacuated; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster is necessary to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance to the City of Westworth Village from the governor for state and federal resources allocated toward this disaster; and

WHEREAS, by this Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency, I declare suspended all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat for the duration of the incident; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the mayor under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist in the city's response to this situation; and

WHEREAS, I, L. Kelly Jones, the mayor of the City of Westworth Village, have determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly, to prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, I, L. Kelly Jones, the mayor of the City of Westworth Village, hereby issue this Declaration of Disaster and Public Health Emergency to implement measures to ensure the protection of the residents of the City of Westworth Village.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTWORTH VILLAGE, TEXAS:

1. that a state of disaster and public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Westworth Village, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code;
2. that the state of disaster and public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days, unless the state of disaster and public health emergency is continued by the City Council of the City of Westworth Village, Texas, pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, at which time the City Council of the City of Westworth Village, Texas will specify the period of extension;

3. that this declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity, and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code;
4. that the city's Emergency Operations Plan is activated and implemented, pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code;
5. that this declaration authorizes the city to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including quarantine, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the city, and fining those who do not comply with the city's rules, pursuant to §122.006 of the Health and Safety Code;
6. that this declaration shall adopt for the City of Westworth Village all rules, regulations, and limitations issued by Tarrant County and the State of Texas contained in executive orders or disaster declarations issued by those entities for the Coronavirus Disease 2019 public health emergency, as applicable to the City of Westworth Village. In the event of a conflict between the rules, regulations, and limitations issued by Tarrant County and the State of Texas, the more restrictive of the rules, regulations, and limitations shall be adopted;
7. that this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools;
8. that this proclamation shall take effect at 11:59pm, April 7, 2020.

ORDERED this the 7th day of April, 2020.



L. Kelly Jones
Mayor, City of Westworth Village