ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLIAD, TEXAS CONTINUING
DECLARATION DISASTER
FOR THE CITY OF GOLIAD, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Goliad, Texas declared a state of local disaster on March 18, 2020 due to imminent threat from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the declaration of local state of disaster may not be continued or renewed for a period of more than seven (7) days except with the consent of the City Council of the City of Goliad, Texas; 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, advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contract 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 13, 2020, Governor Abbott declared a state of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas due to COVID-19 posing an imminent threat of disaster in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the number of COVID-19 cases that have spread in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Governor Abbot issued four orders to support his initial declaration, including avoiding social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people; avoiding eating and drinking in bars, restaurants and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors (drive-thrus and deliveries excepted); not allowing visits to nursing homes or retirement or long term care facilities; and closing of schools. These orders will be effective on a statewide basis starting at 11:59 PM on March 20, 2020 and will end at 11:59 PM on April 3, 2020, subject to extension thereafter based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC.

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

WHEREAS, large gatherings of unidentifiable individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection may pose a risk for the spread of infectious disease; and
WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was approved by a vote of at least three members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Goliad, Texas, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), has consented to continue the declaration of local state of disaster for the City of Goliad, Texas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLIAD, TEXAS, THAT:

1.) The City Council hereby finds and determines that an emergency exists, such emergency being the imminent threat to life, health, property, and public peace posed by the outbreak of COVID-19 and its effects. This Ordinance is in effect immediately and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to cause the publication of the caption of this Ordinance in accordance with state law. This ordinance shall be automatically repealed within sixty (60) days unless reenacted by the City Council.

2.) The declaration of state of local disaster for the City of Goliad, Texas resulting from threats posed by COVID-19 is hereby continued.

3.) This Ordinance continues to activate the City’s Emergency Management Plan.

4.) This Ordinance continues to activate the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the Declaration, and the preparedness and response aspects of the plans are activated as provided in the plans and such other measures as set forth in the Mayor’s March 18, 2020 disaster declaration.

5.) This Ordinance continuing a local state of disaster shall be effective for sixty (60) days on and from its date of issuance, provided however that this declaration may be terminated before the expiration of 60 days by subsequent order of the Mayor, and may be continued or renewed beyond said period from its date of issuance only with the consent of the City Council of the City of Goliad, Texas. The City Council desires to review this Ordinance on April 8, 2020 to consider any additional measures that they desire the Mayor to undertake hereunder.

6.) The Mayor is authorized to issue orders or proclamations limiting gathering of individuals consistent with recommendations and actions from national, state, and county governments.
7.) In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this Ordinance, or a declaration, order or proclamation issued by the Mayor under Chapter 418, Government Code, or the emergency management plan, commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to $1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

8.) The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court or competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Order are severable.

9.) This Ordinance shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

10.) This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

This Ordinance is hereby PASSED AND APROVED, this 25th day of March, 2020.

[Signature]
Trúdia Preston, Mayor
City of Goliad, Texas

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Kandi Hubert, City Secretary