



March 17, 2020

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of the State of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, TX 78711-2428

RE: Disaster Declared in the City of Whitehouse

Dear Governor Abbott:

Pursuant to the powers of the Mayor of the City of Whitehouse, I have issued the following:

A proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the city and declaring a state of disaster in the City of Whitehouse.

The declaration is attached to this letter.

Sincerely,

Charles Parker
City of Whitehouse

C: Representative Matt Schaefer
Smith County Emergency Management Coordinator Jay Brooks
Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran
City Manager Leslie Black
Deaun Stinecipher, Texas Department of Emergency Management



DECLARATION OF DISASTER

A DECLARATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHITEHOUSE, TEXAS, DECLARING AND CERTIFYING THAT COVID-19 POSES AN IMMINENT THREAT OF DISASTER IN THE CITY AND DECLARING A STATE OF DISASTER IN THE CITY OF WHITEHOUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas certified that COVID – 19 poses an imminent threat of disaster and declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas on the 13th day of March, 2020.

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehouse on the 13th day of March 2020, is preparing for widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), which has been recognized as a global pandemic as a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Whitehouse; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF WHITEHOUSE:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Whitehouse pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, 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 City Council of Whitehouse.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Whitehouse emergency management plan.

SECTION 5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

RESOLVED this 17th day of March 2020.

THE CITY OF WHITEHOUSE

**Charles Parker
Mayor**