



## DECLARATION OF DISASTER

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shepherd, Texas supports the County Judge of San Jacinto's March 16, 2020 declaration that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect the widespread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, as the presiding mayor of the City of Shepherd, I have the authority under Texas Government Code Section 418.108(a) to proclaim a local disaster in the City of Shepherd;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SHEPHERD IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 13, 2020, there are more than 30 confirmed cases of COVID-19 located in multiple Texas counties; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 50 Texans with pending test for COVID-19 in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the State and local levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Texas has already taken numerous steps to prepare for COVID-19, such as increasing laboratory testing capacity, coordinating preparedness efforts across state agencies, and working with local partners to promote appropriate mitigation efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Jacinto Texas has acknowledged its role as the City of Shepherd's Emergency Management; 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 Texans; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-08 on March 19, 2020 relating to preparedness and mitigation of the spread of the COVID-19 virus, which Order is hereby incorporated into this Declaration of Disaster;

**NOW THEREFORE I, CHARLES MINTON, MAYOR** of the City of Shepherd in San Jacinto County Texas, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster. In accordance with the authority vested in me by the Texas Government Code Chapter 418, I hereby declare a state of disaster for the City of Shepherd in San Jacinto County, Texas and deem it in the public interest to issue the following orders to adopt the GA-08 of the Governor of Texas and the actions of San Jacinto County Judge Fritz Faulkner acting as County Judge and the City of Shepherd's Emergency Management Coordinator:

1. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, every person in the City of Shepherd shall avoid gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
2. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall avoid eating or drinking in bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this Declaration and Executive Order GA-08.
3. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
4. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close.

All City employees must report for work as required by their supervisors.

Effective immediately and through the duration of this Order, all City Employees shall cease any work-related travel.

This Order shall take effect at 5:00pm., on March 20, 2020, and remain effective until March 27, 2020 or until otherwise rescinded or extended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and the City of Shepherd seal on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020

Attest: Debra Hagler  
Debra Hagler, City Secretary, Shepherd Texas

Charles Minton  
Charles Minton, Mayor of Shepherd Texas