

**CITY OF COMMERCE**

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*Ordinance 20-05*

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. In some cases, the virus has caused death; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hunt County Judge declared a local disaster for Hunt County on March 23, 2020; and

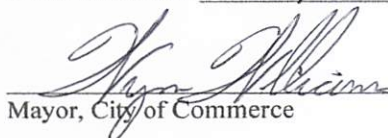
**WHEREAS**, the Governor of Texas has declared a Public Health Disaster over the coronavirus pandemic, and

**WHEREAS**, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Hunt County, in which the City of Commerce is located, including the potential quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, and property and, additionally, including compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF COMMERCE, TEXAS:**

1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Commerce, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commerce City Council.
3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
4. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Commerce emergency management plan.
5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
6. That the Orders issued by the Governor of Texas and the Hunt County Judge and relative to this public health disaster are hereby adopted and incorporated into this Declaration by reference.

DECLARED this 24 day of March 2020.

  
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Mayor, City of Commerce