

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the undersigned Mayor signed a Declaration of Local Disaster in response to the Covid-19 Epidemic setting out certain restrictions on social gathering and the operation of businesses; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020 the City Council extended the Declaration of Disaster through an Ordinance, passed on emergency, that set restrictions on businesses and social gatherings into law; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-18 to begin reopening Texas wherein guidelines and rules were set that completely restrict municipalities ability to regulate under an emergency order; and

WHEREAS, the City's Ordinance Declaring and Emergency and setting certain rules expires on April 30, 2020, at the same time as the Governor's Order; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Seguin has determined that as the City of Seguin begins to reopen its commerce extraordinary measures must still be taken to prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, in order to effectively and safely reopen Seguin businesses the City of Seguin's Emergency Management Plan should remain activated;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Seguin, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, this declaration of local 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.
3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of local disaster shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, and shall be given prompt and general publicity.
4. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of local disaster activated the City of Seguin's emergency management plan.
5. Pursuant to section 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, 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.

6. The City of Seguin hereby adopts the guidance put forth by the Governor of the State of Texas in Executive Order GA-18.

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

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 30th day of April 2020.



It's real.


Don Keil, Mayor