

**CITY OF BOGATA, TEXAS**  
**MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER**  
**DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2020, President Donald Trump extended the Social Distancing guideline until April 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the County Judge of Red River County, Texas declared a state of disaster for Red River County, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2020, the County Judge of Red River County, Texas issued an Extended and Amended Declaration; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bogata, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

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

**SECTION 1.** That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Bogata, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 2.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Bogata, Texas.

**SECTION 3.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas 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.

**SECTION 4.** That this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, and ensuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules, pursuant to Section 122.005 of the Health and Safety Code.

**SECTION 5.** That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common non-employment related endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area, except that a "gathering" shall not include a place of worship or other groups who are providing healthcare.

**SECTION 6.** In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration 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.

**SECTION 7.** That this declaration hereby prohibits activities such as sporting events. The track at City Park will be open for walking and running purposes, but all persons must maintain a 6-foot distance at all times.

**SECTION 8.** That this declaration authorizes the City of Bogata to enforce a curfew that shall be in place immediately throughout the City of Bogata from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. for all individuals who:

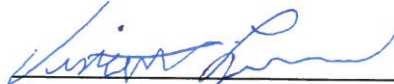
a) are not going directly to their place of employment or going directly home from that place of employment; or

b) are not traveling for emergency medical purposes.

**SECTION 9.** That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

**SECTION 10.** That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

**DECLARED** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



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Vincent Lum, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



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Jennifer Duffer, City Secretary