

**CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS
RENEWAL AND CONTINUATION OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER AND
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATED TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASE**

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, 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, the City of Jamaica Beach, 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; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, I, Steve Spicer, as Mayor of the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas, first issued a Mayoral Proclamation declaring a local disaster for public health emergency for the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas, in response to help prevent and control COVID-19 and then revised it on March 19, 2020 to follow the provisions of Governor Abbott's Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas, consented to the renewal and continuation of the local state of disaster and public health emergency for the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas, on March 23, 2020 by Resolution 2020-3.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby renewed and continued for the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. That this local state of disaster and public health emergency declared by Mayor Steve Spicer for the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas, shall continue in effect until such time as it is terminated by the City Council pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code or until this declaration is terminated by order of the Mayor, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to §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 pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this renewal and continuation of the aforesaid declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency continues to activate the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 5. 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, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules, pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 6. That pursuant to Resolution 2020-3 of the City of Jamaica Beach, the Mayor is authorized, without further action of the City Council, to exercise any powers, take any actions and issue any orders authorized by law, including but not limited to, any measures authorized by Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, including without limitation §418.108 and §418.1015 of said chapter.

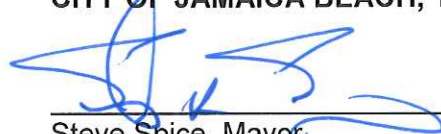
SECTION 7. In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

SECTION 8. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 9. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and shall supersede all previously signed declarations.

DECLARED this 1st day of May, 2020.

CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS:



Steve Spice, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lupe Rushing, City Secretary