

CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS, TEXAS

RESOLUTION NO. 854-20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS, TEXAS,
EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER
UNTIL SUCH TIME AS NEITHER THE STATE NOR THE COUNTY
ARE UNDER A PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER DECLARATION.**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Balch Springs Mayor Steve Gorwood, declared a public health disaster within the City as a result of the appearance of the COVID-19 virus in the area; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the Mayor's Declaration of March 13, 2020 are:

- 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Balch Springs, 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 issuance of an additional declaration.*
- 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 Balch Springs emergency management plan.*

WHEREAS, the Balch Springs City Council previously voted to adopt and extend this public health disaster declaration until April 27, 2020 at their meeting on March 23, 2020.

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 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, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Dallas County, in which the City of Balch Springs is located, including the 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

WHEREAS, the Dallas County Judge declared a local disaster for Dallas County on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the Dallas County Commissioners Court extended the County Declaration of Disaster until May 20, 2020, and may extend it again depending on the situation; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas has declared a state-wide public health disaster over the coronavirus pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has extended his Declaration of Disaster until April 30, 2020, and may extend it again, depending on the situation; and

WHEREAS, both the Governor's Office and the County Judge are watching the spread and treatment of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, it is uncertain how long such Disaster Declarations will need to remain in force and effect to combat the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the Balch Springs City Council approves and supports keeping the Balch Springs Disaster Declaration in effect in conjunction with the State of Texas and the County of Dallas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS, TEXAS, that:

SECTION 1. Findings of Fact. All of the above premises are hereby adopted and incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION 2. The current public health Disaster Declaration in Balch Springs, Texas relating to or caused by the COVID-19 pandemic is hereby approved and authorized for extension until such time as neither the State of Texas or the County of Dallas has a current Disaster Declaration which came about as a result of COVID-19, unless ended sooner for good reason by the Mayor.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Balch Springs, Texas, on the 13th day of April, 2020.

APPROVED:



Steven Gorwood, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cindy Gross, City Secretary