



Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency Related to Communicable Disease

WHEREAS, the disease COVID-19 currently poses a significant health risk to the residents of the City of Gladewater and has been declared a World, National, and State Health Emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gladewater is a Home Rule Municipality situated in both Upshur and Gregg Counties and any action taken by the City applies to all citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 disease was confirmed to exist in Gregg County as of March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 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 Gladewater, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gladewater will adhere to the emergency management directives set in place by Gregg County; 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 GLADEWATER, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Gladewater, 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 Gladewater, Texas.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Clerk.

SECTION 4. That pursuant to 418.108(g) of the Texas Government Code, the declaration of a local state disaster authorizes the Mayor to control ingress to and egress from the City of Gladewater and to control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises with the City of Gladewater.

SECTION 5. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 6. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this 25th day of March, 2020



**J.D. SHIPP, MAYOR
GLADEWATER, TEXAS**

ATTEST:



**JUDY VAN HOUTEN, CITY CLERK
GLADEWATER, TEXAS**