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**SECOND AMENDED DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, in December 2019, Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness and in some cases death; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and advised countries to prepare for the containment, including active surveillance, early detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing, and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 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 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, continuous spread of the disease presents an imminent threat of widespread illness or loss of life resulting from a global pandemic and other public calamity resulting therefrom, which requires emergency action; and

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott issued a State of Disaster for all Texas counties for COVID-19 on March 13, 2020, and on March 19, 2020, Governor Abbott subsequently issued an Executive Order imposing restrictions on citizens and businesses in the State of Texas to prevent further spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, County Judge Glen Whitley issued a Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency for Tarrant County for COVID-19 on March 13, 2020; on March 18, 2020, Judge Whitley issued a First Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency; and on March 21, 2020, Judge Whitley issued a Second Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump declared a State of National Emergency for the United States of America on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City Code of Ordinances Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-32 of the City of North Richland Hills, and the Texas Government Code Section 418.108(a), the Mayor of the City of North Richland Hills is authorized to declare a local state of disaster if a disaster has occurred or is imminent; and

WHEREAS, I, Oscar Trevino, the Mayor of the City of North Richland Hills, have determined that due to the global outbreak of COVID-19, extraordinary measures must be taken to prevent and to alleviate the suffering of the citizens of North Richland Hills and to protect the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Richland Hills Emergency Management Plan should be activated and continued to provide for disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, I, Oscar Trevino, issued a Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on March 13, 2020; and I issued a First Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on March 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 continue to rise on a local, state and national level and state and local officials have issued further restrictions to prevent the rise of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, I, Oscar Trevino, find it necessary to hereby issue this Second Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency amending, continuing and restating the declaration to implement additional measures to ensure the protection of the general public, and for the health and safety of the citizens of the city of North Richland Hills.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED AND PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That a state of local disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the city of North Richland Hills pursuant to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-32 of the City of North Richland Hills and Texas Government Code Section 418.108(a).

SECTION 2. That this declaration of local disaster shall be in effect for a period not to exceed seven days from this date, unless terminated or continued by action of the City Council of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas. The North Richland Hills City Council has continued this declaration up to April 13, 2020.

SECTION 3. That this declaration activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of the North Richland Hills Emergency Management Plan, the Tarrant County Emergency Management Plan, and all other applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans in which the City participates, further authorizes the furnishing of all aid and assistance as deemed necessary or desirable by those administering such plans, and activates the preparedness and response aspects of such plans as provided therein.

SECTION 4. That this declaration authorizes the procurement of all necessary supplies and equipment, including acceptance of private contributions which may be offered for the purpose of improving emergency management within the City.

SECTION 5. That this declaration authorizes agreements, after approval by the City Attorney, for the City to use any private property, temporarily acquire, by lease or other means, sites required for temporary housing units or emergency shelter or evacuees, subject to compensation requirements, pursuant to Texas Government Code 418.020.

SECTION 6. That this declaration authorizes the Mayor to order the evacuation of all or part of the population from a stricken or threatened area under his/her authority if the Mayor considers the action necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response or recovery.

SECTION 7. That this declaration authorizes the Mayor to control ingress and egress from a disaster area under his/her jurisdiction or authority and to control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in that area.

SECTION 8. That this declaration authorizes the City to adopt rules to protect the health of persons in the city, including quarantine rules to protect the residents against communicable disease, provide for the establishment of quarantine stations, and hospitals, and authorizes the fining of those who do not comply with this order pursuant to Health and Safety Code 122.006.

SECTION 9. That this Declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to no more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than 10 people until further notice. For purposes herein, a gathering is any indoor or outdoor event that brings together or is likely to bring together more than 10 people at the same time in a single space where people are present and within 6 feet of one another, without regard to the purpose of the gathering.

This Declaration does not prohibit gatherings of people in multiple, separate enclosed spaces (including separate cubicles) in a single building such as different floors of a multi-level office, residential building, or hotel, so long as not more than 10 people are present in any single space at the same time. This Declaration also does not prohibit the use of enclosed spaces where more than 10 people may be present at different times during the day, so long as more than 10 people are not present in the space at the same time. This Declaration does not make a distinction between types of gatherings, i.e. social, community or recreational.

SECTION 10. That this declaration/ hereby orders that a restaurant with or without drive-in or drive-through services; drive-in restaurant; drive-through restaurant; or microbrewery, micro-distillery, or winery may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-in or drive-through services as allowed by law.

SECTION 11. This Declaration orders that individuals cannot occupy nor can individuals be permitted to occupy the following: bars, lounges, taverns, commercial amusement establishments or entertainment uses, theaters, gyms, private clubs, hair and nail salons and barber shops, estheticians and related personal care businesses, spas, massage parlors, tattoo and piercing parlors, tanning salons, residential meeting spaces, event centers, hotel meeting spaces and ballrooms, outdoor plazas and markets, malls, gun ranges, and retail stores that do not sell essential household goods. "Essential household goods" means goods or products that are necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences.

SECTION 12. This Declaration allows the following entities to continue doing business as long as they enforce social separation: grocery stores, stores selling essential household goods, convenience and package stores, pharmacies and drug stores, day care facilities, medical facilities and veterinarian offices, non-profit service providers, homeless and emergency shelters, office buildings, essential government buildings, airports and transit facilities, dry cleaners, laundry mats, transportation systems, auto repair shops, auto parts stores, residential buildings and hotels, manufacturing and distribution facilities, banks, bail bonds, personal loan stores, pawn shops, home improvement stores selling structural materials, plumbing, electrical and/or HVAC supplies.

In all such locations, there must be sufficient space for all people to be 6 feet apart at all times to control infection. Where possible, a tracking list of the individuals present, and their contact information shall be maintained.

SECTION 13. This Declaration allows the following entities to continue doing business as long as they are providing online or phone sales only, and may provide curb side pick-up or delivery only as necessary: pet supply stores (no grooming), tax preparers, shoe stores, auto sales and auto rental, and office supply stores, sporting goods stores (does not include gun range), firearm and ammunition sales, electronic stores, plant stores or nurseries, cell phone sales and repair, and bicycle shops.

In all such locations, if individuals are picking up items, no more than one person is allowed in the waiting area at a time.

SECTION 14. Notwithstanding the above restriction, this Declaration is not intended to apply to any business operations delivering essential services. Essential Services means services, by whomsoever rendered, and whether rendered to the government or to any other person, the interruption of which would endanger life or health of the whole or part of the population.

SECTION 15. If someone in a household has tested positive for COVID-19, the household is ordered to isolate at home. Members of the household cannot go to work, school, or any other community function until cleared by a medical professional.

SECTION 16. This Declaration closes worship services for in-person services, provided that needed staff can attend to produce audio/video services for transmission, and in-person staff needed to produce services shall not exceed ten (10) people.


SECTION 17. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools, including but not limited to, suspension or revocation of a business permit, and civil or criminal penalties. Failure to comply with the emergency management plan or with a rule, order, or ordinance adopted under this plan is an offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term up to and including one hundred eighty (180) days.

SECTION 18. That this declaration incorporates the attached table, NRH Disaster Restrictions, as if set forth verbatim herein. This declaration also sets forth strong recommendations, attached hereto, for the purpose of mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

SECTION 19. That this declaration shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, and shall be given prompt and general publicity.

SECTION 20. That this declaration shall take effect at 11:59pm, March 23, 2020.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this 23rd day of March 2020, at 8:20 pm.



Oscar Trevino, Mayor
City of North Richland Hills, Texas

NRH Disaster Restrictions

Locations	Restrictions
All gatherings without regard to purpose.	<p>No more than 10 people. Practice social distancing – sufficient space for all people to be 6 feet apart at all times. Keep a tracking list of individuals and their contact information.</p>
<p>Bars, lounges, taverns Commercial amusement and entertainment establishments Theatres Gyms Private Clubs Hair and nail salons and barber shops Estheticians and related personal care businesses Spas and massage parlors Tattoo and piercing parlors and tanning salons Residential meeting spaces Event centers Hotel meeting spaces and ballrooms Outdoor plazas and markets Malls Gun ranges Retail stores that do not sell essential household goods</p>	<p>No occupancy permitted.</p>
Food Establishments	<p>In-house dining – closed. Drive-in, drive-through, take out, and delivery is permitted. Practice social distancing – sufficient space for all people to be 6 feet apart at all times.</p>
Worship Services	<p>Closed for in-person services, provided that staff of not more than ten (10) can attend to produce audio/video services</p>
<p>Grocery stores Stores selling essential household goods Convenience and package stores Pharmacies and drug stores Day care facilities Medical facilities, chiropractic, and veterinarian offices Non-profit service providers Homeless and emergency shelters Office buildings Essential government buildings Airports and transit facilities Transportation systems Auto repair shops and auto parts stores Banks, pawn shops, personal loan stores, bail bonds Residential buildings and hotels Manufacturing and distribution facilities Home improvement stores selling structural materials, plumbing, electrical and/or HVAC supplies</p>	<p>Practice social distancing – sufficient space for all people to be 6 feet apart at all times. Keep a tracking list of individuals and their contact information, wherever possible.</p>

<p>Pet supply stores (no grooming) Auto sales (new and used) and rental Office supply stores Tax preparers Shoe stores Sporting goods stores (does not include gun range) Firearm sales and ammunition Electronic stores Plant stores, nurseries Cell phone sales and repair Bicycle shops</p>	<p>Online or phone sales only. Curb side pick-up or delivery as necessary. No more than one person in waiting room at a time.</p>
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CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR MITIGATING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

In accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Tarrant County Public Health, and the Governor of the State of Texas, the City of North Richland Hills strongly recommends the following:

- (1) Cancel all nonessential gatherings and meetings of less than 10 people.
- (2) Create smaller groups for essential meetings, and consider holding video/audio meetings instead.
- (3) For individuals at increased risk of severe illness, cancel all gatherings of less than 10 people and limit nonessential outings. "Individuals at increased risk of severe illness" includes but is not limited to individuals 60 years and older; with compromised immune systems; with medical conditions such as diabetes, heart disease or disorders, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or other lung conditions.
- (4) For operators of public spaces, provide ways for patrons to maintain safe social distancing, for example, maintaining six feet of separation between individuals; have hand washing capabilities, hand sanitizers and tissues available; and frequently cleaning high touch surface areas like counter tops, hand rails, and door knobs.
- (5) For workplaces, promote telecommuting; ensure employees do not work while sick; maximize flexibility in sick leave benefits; and minimize the number of employees working within arm's length of one another.
- (6) For grocery stores and pharmacies, increase the use and capability of drive-thru, curbside, or delivery services; limit or restrict the number of customers permitted in a store at one time; minimize the number of employees working within arm's length of one another; provide handwashing capabilities, hand sanitizers, and tissues; and frequently clean high-touch surface areas like countertops, doorknobs, and handrails.
- (7) For door-to-door solicitors, provide ways for solicitors and patrons to maintain safe social distancing of six feet of separation between individuals; ensure compliance with City Code of Ordinances Chapter 18, Article VII, Sec. 18-481 through 18-493.
- (8) Determine ways to consider providing support services, including meals, to individuals at increased risk of severe illness while limiting group settings and exposures.
- (9) Avoid visiting nursing homes, retirement centers or long-term care facilities, unless providing critical assistance.
- (10) Minimize all nonessential travel.