

**TOWN OF WESTOVER HILLS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WESTOVER HILLS, TEXAS, RATIFYING AND EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 was first detected in Wuhan, China in December 2019; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the 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**, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action for the protection of the people of Westover Hills; and

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of mitigation strategies can slow the transmission of the disease; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Governor Greg Abbott issued a State of Disaster for all Texas counties for COVID-19 on March 13, 2020; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Kelly Thompson, Mayor of the Town of Westover Hills, issued a Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on March 20, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Westover Hills Town Council declares it in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the public to adopt this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, all prerequisites for the adoption of this Resolution have been met.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WESTOVER HILLS, TEXAS, THAT:**

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for Westover Hills, pursuant to the Town of Westover Hills Code of Ordinances and Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

2. This declaration of local disaster shall continue for a period coterminous with the Declaration of Local Disaster by Tarrant County, unless earlier terminated, and may be continued, terminated, or extended as deemed necessary by the Town Council pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Government Code.
3. This declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Town Secretary, pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code.
4. This declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Town of Westover Hills Emergency Plan pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code.
5. The Town of Westover Hills operates under the Tarrant County Emergency Management Plan and the Tarrant County Health Department, and will adhere to and operate under the orders as set out in the First Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency and Proclaimed by Tarrant County Judge B. Glen Whitley, March 19, 2020 at 4:45 p.m. Further, the Town of Westover Hills will adhere to and operate under any future Emergency Orders as approved by either the State of Texas and/or Tarrant County.
6. Pursuant to Westover Hills Code of Ordinances Section 1.04.032, the Mayor is designated as the Town's Emergency Management Director and is authorized to issue and enforce all such reasonable rules, regulations or directives necessary to implement the Town's Emergency Management Plan.
7. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

**APPROVED AND RENEWED** at a special meeting of the Westover Hills Town Council on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, by a vote of 4 to 0.

**ATTEST:**

  
Penny Spikes, Town Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
Kelly Thompson, Mayor