

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF QUINLAN, TEXAS, CONTINUING APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO CONTAIN AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY AND ITS CITIZENS; AND PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**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**, on March 18, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order No. GA-08 Relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, the Hunt County Commissioners Court approved Resolution 16,029 declaring a local state of disaster, and included an order for all Hunt County citizens to shelter in place; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hunt County shelter in place Order went into effect on a countywide basis starting at 11:59 p.m. on March 24, 2020 and will end at 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to extension thereafter based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and Hunt County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of Quinlan declared a local state of disaster by proclamation on March 24, 2020, effective at 11:59 p.m. on March 24, 2020 and ending at 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Quinlan Texas, wishes to continue measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF QUINLAN, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council is extending the declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency for the City of Quinlan, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, continuing the March 24<sup>th</sup> declaration issued by the Mayor of Quinlan

**SECTION 2.** This State of Disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a time period to correspond with Hunt County Resolution 16,029, as currently approved (11:59 PM April 3, 2020), or as amended by the Hunt County Commissioners Court, unless repealed, continued, or renewed by the City Council of the City of Quinlan, Texas.

**SECTION 3.** Pursuant to Section 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.** This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, regulating ingress and egress from the City, and regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to take other necessary actions as deemed appropriate to continue critical services to the Citizens of the City of Quinlan, as it may relate to municipal facilities and operations.

**SECTION 6.** The City Council of the City of Quinlan, Texas, hereby orders the following because of the risk of the rapid spread of the 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and the need to protect the most vulnerable members of the community this Ordinance requires all individuals in the City of Quinlan, Texas to **STAY AT HOME** - except for certain essential activities and work to provide essential business and government services or perform essential public infrastructure construction, including housing, as outlined in Commissioners Court of Hunt County Resolution No. 16,029 issued March 23, 2020.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance hereby incorporates by reference the provisions of any Executive Order or similar directive issued or subsequently issued by the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Texas, the County Judge of Hunt County, or Hunt County Commissioners Court.

**SECTION 8.** In accordance with Section 418.173 of the Texas Government Code a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this Ordinance 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.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the 30th day of March 2020.

  
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Jacky Goleman, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Laura Kennemer, City Secretary