

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1
CITY OF DECATUR DISASTER DECLARATION
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2020-3-08

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has recognized the novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19 as a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Wise County issued a Local Disaster Declaration Order, dated March 23, 2020 closing certain nonessential businesses; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, for the purposes of maintaining the health, safety and welfare of the public, the Mayor and City Council for the City of Decatur also issued a Local Disaster Declaration Order pursuant to Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-3-08 which became effective on at 11:59 p.m. on March 24, 2020 (“City Declaration”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4, “Orders Adopted” of the City Declaration, the Mayor was authorized to take other actions as determined necessary to ensure that the purposes of the City Declaration were effectuated; and

WHEREAS, Article VII “Emergency Management” of Chapter 2 “Administration” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Decatur designates the Mayor as the Director of the Office of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, as Director of the Office of Emergency Management and pursuant to the City Declaration, the Mayor is further authorized to issue certain directives necessary during a time of declared disaster.


NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of Decatur by virtue of the power and authority vesting in me by the City of Decatur Disaster Declaration, Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-3-08 (“City Declaration”) and Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code during a time of local disaster, I do hereby issues this Executive Order No. 1 directing that the following actions occur:

- A. **Board and Commission Meetings.** In order to comply with the City Declaration and Wise County Declaration to eliminate Community Gatherings, all board, commission and committee meetings of the City, that have not already been posted as of the Issuance Date of this Executive Order No. 1 (March 31, 2020), shall be postponed and no meeting shall be scheduled or posted until May 1, 2020.

- B. Development Applications.** As a result of cancellation of board and commission meetings under this Executive Order, the City of Decatur Planning and Development Department shall not accept any new applications for plats or plans for development from the Issuance Date of this Executive Order No. 1 (March 31, 2020), until 8:00 a.m. on May 1, 2020.
- C. Utilities.** City water and wastewater services provided to persons negatively impacted by illness, job loss, or reduced income and who can provide verifiable documentation that their hardship is a direct result of COVID-19 shall not have their water service disconnected and no late payment fees shall be due until May 1, 2020.
- D. City Facilities.** City owned and operated park facilities shall be closed to the public beginning at 11:59 p.m. on the Effective Date of this Executive Order No. 1 (April 6, 2020). City employees working at all other City facilities will continue to provide critical services as needed with the intention of reducing public contact in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

This Executive Order is issued on March 31, 2020 (“Issuance Date”) and shall become effective beginning at 11:59 p.m. on April 6, 2020 (“Effective Date”) and shall remain in effect until expiration as provided herein.

March 31, 2020
ISSUANCE DATE


Martin Woodruff, Mayor

ATTEST:


Diane Cockrell, City Secretary

