

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2
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. 2 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all board, commission and committee meetings of the City, shall be cancelled until this Executive Order No. 2 is rescinded, unless the Mayor approves a meeting that is necessary due to time sensitive item(s) and social distancing measures are followed for such meeting or the meeting is conducted virtually.

- B. **Development Applications.** As a result of cancellation of board and commission meetings, the City of Decatur Planning and Development Department shall not accept any new applications for plats or plans for development until this Executive Order No. 2 is rescinded.
- 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 this Executive Order No. 2 is rescinded.
- D. **City Facilities.** City owned facilities that remain open pursuant to City Declaration shall be closed to the public, except by appointment until this Executive Order No. 2 is rescinded. City employees 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.
- E. **City Parks.** Access to City owned parks is restricted in high impact areas, which include playground equipment, ball fields, and other areas where there is a high probability of the spread of COVID-19. Access to walking trails and open areas of City parks remain open to the public as long as the social distancing instructions in effect are observed and followed. Failure to comply with social distance requirements may result in future closure of all City owned parks.
- F. Current and future orders of Governor Abbott shall be incorporated herein and compliance with such orders of the Governor shall control in the case of direct conflict with this Executive Order No. 2.

This Executive Order is to be in effect beginning at 11:59 p.m. on April 30th, 2020 and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded by the Mayor in writing.

April 30, 2020
DATE

ATTEST:

D. Cockrell
Diane Cockrell, City Secretary

Martin Woodruff
Martin Woodruff, Mayor