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ORDINANCE NO. 2007.01

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ELIZARIO TO RENEW AND EXTEND THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) SIGNED BY MAYOR ANTONIO ARAUJO ON MARCH 16, 2020.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 and pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, Mayor Antonio Araujo signed a Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency due to the emergency situation presented by the COVID-19 virus which has now reached El Paso County; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Elizario ("City") desires to renew and extend the Declaration of Local Disaster as provided in Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary and appropriate for the health and welfare of the City of San Elizario to take this action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of San Elizario, Texas, that:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are adopted as facts and are incorporated fully herein.

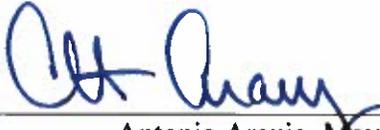
Section 2. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the City Council hereby renews and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster in its entirety as set forth in *Attachment A* to this Resolution.

Section 3. As provided by Section 418.108(c), the City Administrator shall give prompt and general publicity of this renewal and extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval.

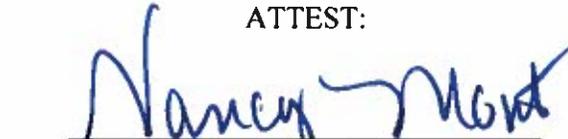
PASSED AND APPROVED this, the 20 day of March, 2020, by a vote of 4
(*ayes*) to 0 (*nays*) to 0 (*abstentions*) of the City Council of San Elizario, Texas.

CITY OF SAN ELIZARIO, TEXAS



Antonio Araujo, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nancy Montes, City Clerk

Attachment A

**COPY OF THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
SIGNED BY MAYOR ANTONIO ARAUJO MARCH 16, 2020**



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DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China;

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can range from very mild (including some with no reported symptoms) to severe, including illness resulting in death;

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports that older people and people of all ages with severe underlying health conditions seem to be at a higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness;

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

WHEREAS, as of March 7, 2020, the World Health Organization reported that the global number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 surpassed 100,000;

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, the World Health Organization urged every country to take all necessary measures to slow further spread of COVID-19 and to protect health systems from becoming overwhelmed;

WHEREAS, the CDC states that "it's likely that at some point, widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States will occur," which translates to a large number of people needing medical care at the same time;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic;

WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020, the CDC confirmed 1,215 US cases and 36 deaths related to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas and the President of the United States of America declared a state of emergency in relation to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, there are several declared cases of COVID-19 in the County of El Paso;

WHEREAS, the emergence and spread of COVID-19 within El Paso County poses an imminent threat of widespread illness resulting from an epidemic that requires emergency action;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the County Judge of El Paso County determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the health and welfare of County residents from the effects of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code Chapter 418, Section 418.108 authorizes the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision to declare a local state of disaster; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, prevent the spread of the disease and promote the health and safety of individuals in the City of San Elizario, Texas;

WHEREAS, the City of San Elizario, Texas will work collaboratively with the entire region which includes El Paso County, City of El Paso, Las Cruces and Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, as well as the local health authority to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction and spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, by this declaration, I declare all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat suspended for the duration of the incident.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAN ELIZARIO, TEXAS:

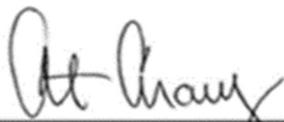
1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of San Elizario, Texas pursuant to Section 418.108 (b) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to Section 418.108 (b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of San Elizario, Texas.
3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Clerk.
4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of San Elizario and County of El Paso emergency plan.
5. This declaration activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of all aid and assistance as deemed necessary or desirable by those administering such plan.
6. Pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code 5121.003(a), the governing body of a municipality or the commissioners court of a county may enforce any law that is reasonably necessary to protect the public health.
7. This declaration authorizes the City of San Elizario to suspend or modify any order, regulation, rule, procedure, process, policy, or covenant in which the City is a party to.

8. This declaration authorizes the Mayor the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, and promote the health and safety of residents of the City of San Elizario by limiting public gatherings, if deemed necessary.

9. This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 16th day of March 2020.

CITY OF SAN ELIZARIO, TEXAS



Antonio Araujo, Mayor