

RESOLUTION

CITY OF SUDAN, TEXAS EXTENSION OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Sudan, Sam Miller, declared a local state of disaster for public health emergency pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, based upon the need for extraordinary measures to contain COVID-19 and to prevent its spread throughout the City of Sudan with such declaration being extended by Resolutions of the City Council of the City of Sudan; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2021, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-34, superseding Executive Order GA-32, further expanding the reopening of businesses, activities, nursing homes and related facilities, and services throughout most of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas has stated that there has been a steady decline in hospitalizations and the rate of new COVID-19 cases due to the millions of Texans who have voluntarily been vaccinated, including many within the City of Sudan, the natural immunity of many within the community, improved medical treatments for COVID-19 patients, abundant supplies of testing and personal protective equipment, and Texans' adherence to safe practices like social distancing, hand sanitizing, and use of face coverings; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of State Health Services has notified the counties that comprise Trauma Service Area B, which includes Lamb County, that the hospitalization rate has been consistently below five percent (5%) over the past week; and

WHEREAS, effective March 10, 2021, Executive Order GA-34 opens all businesses in trauma service regions that are not considered areas of high hospitalization to 100% capacity and removes any mandatory mask wearing; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Local Disaster extended in the latest Resolution of the City Council is set to expire at 11:59 p.m. on April 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, due to the improving and evolving circumstances and the desire of the City of Sudan to continue to safely re-open businesses in the City of Sudan, improve local economic conditions while still maintaining the ability to protect against COVID-19 and pursuant to Texas Government Code §418.108, the City Council believes it to be in the best interest of the City and its citizens, in order to protect and preserve the public health, safety and welfare, to continue the extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster, and adopt the measures outlined herein;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUDAN, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. All terms and conditions of Governor's Executive Order GA-34 which is effective April 7, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. is hereby adopted and the Mayoral Declaration of Local Disaster initially signed and executed by the Mayor on April 3, 2020 and extended by the City Council is renewed and extended to the extent it does not directly conflict with this resolution.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this Resolution shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary of the City of Sudan.

SECTION 4. All individuals are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household and businesses or other establishments may, but are not ordered, to require employees or customers to follow additional hygiene measures, including the wearing of a face covering.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon approval and continue until 11:59 p.m., Saturday, May 15, 2021, unless renewed, extended, amended or cancelled by the Mayor or City Council of the City of Sudan.

SECTION 6. This resolution and order authorizes the Mayor, pursuant to applicable provisions of Texas Government Code Chapter 418 and Texas Health and Safety Code § 122.006, on behalf of the City of Sudan, to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the COVID-19 virus, including enforcing applicable orders issued by the Lamb County Judge, the Governor of the State of Texas or the Texas Department of State Health Services related to suppressing the COVID-19 virus, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules and directives.

SECTION 7. To the extent permitted by law, any local ordinance or administrative rule prescribing the procedures for conduct of City business or any local ordinance or administrative rule that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster, including any local ordinance or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement which would impede the City's emergency response necessary to cope with this declared disaster, are hereby suspended, but only for the duration of this declared local disaster and only for that limited purpose.

SECTION 8. To the extent this resolution conflicts with the Governor's Executive Order GA-34, GA-34 controls and the Mayor may comport and amend this resolution and order and any subsequent order to be consistent with Executive Order GA-34., or any applicable executive order that may be issued by the Governor of the State of Texas.

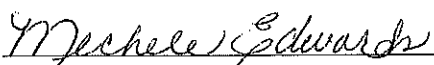
SECTION 9. The Mayor is authorized to use all available resources of the City of Sudan reasonably necessary to comply with this resolution.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council this the 8th day of April, 2021.

CITY OF SUDAN

By: 
Sam Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mechele Edwards, City Secretary