

CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS
RESOLUTION 05112020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, RENEWING AND CONTINUING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER ISSUED BY MAYORAL PROCLAMATION IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19, A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Mary Schramper, Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas issued a mayoral proclamation declaring a local disaster for public health emergency for the City of Merkel in accordance with Section 418.108 of the Texas Local Government Code to help prevent and control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, the City Council in accordance with Section 418.108(b) issued Resolution 03262020 renewing and continuing the Declaration of Local Disaster through midnight Monday, May 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-17, establishing the Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this Order is to protect the physical health and well-being of City of Merkel residents, to protect the financial health of City of Merkel residents and businesses, and to continue steps to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible by utilizing the least restrictive means possible and encouraging the highest level of personal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, adopting the provisions of Executive Orders issued by the Governor accomplishes that intent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY MERKEL, TEXAS, THAT:

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

SECTION 2: Effective immediately, the City Council hereby extends and continues the local state of disaster for the City of Merkel; and

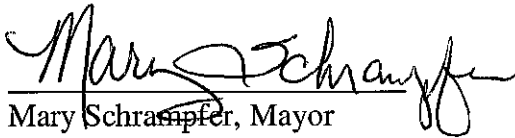
SECTION 3: Effective immediately, the City hereby adopts the provisions of Executive Orders issued by Governor Greg Abbott regarding the State of Disaster related to the novel corona virus (COVID-19). The provisions of current and subsequent Executive Orders are incorporated herein by reference verbatim.

SECTION 4: This Order supersedes previous orders to the extent of any conflict herewith.

SECTION 5: Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 6: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and remain in full force and effect until such time it is extended, renewed, amended, or terminated.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEKEL, TEXAS,
ON THIS THE 11TH DAY OF MAY 2020.


Mary Schramper, Mayor

ATTEST:


Evelyn Morse, City Secretary