



STATE OF TEXAS §

CITY OF YOAKUM §

ORDER NO. 2020-02

COUNTIES OF DEWITT AND LAVACA §

DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the City of Yoakum has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Yoakum, and to ensure assistance for continued vital services for our community; and

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

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, there are more than 30 confirmed cases of COVID-19 located in multiple Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 50 Texans with pending tests for COVID-19 in Texas; and

WHEREAS, some schools, universities, and other governmental entities are beginning to alter their schedules, and some venues are beginning to temporarily close, as precautionary responses to the increasing presence of COVID-19 in Texas; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has already taken numerous steps to prepare for COVID-19, such as increasing laboratory testing capacity, coordinating preparedness efforts across state agencies, and working with local partners to promote appropriate mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster will facilitate and expedite the use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response; and

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Government has declared a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, the governor of the State of Texas, the Honorable Greg Abbott, preemptively declared a state of disaster in the State of Texas by and through a Proclamation attached hereto; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANITA R. RODRIGUEZ, Mayor of the City of Yoakum, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster. In accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, I hereby declare a state of disaster for the City of Yoakum, Texas.

1. That a state of disaster is declared for City of Yoakum, DeWitt and Lavaca County, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

2. Pursuant §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, this state of disaster has continued for a period of more than seven days of the date hereof and is hereby renewed by consent of the City of Yoakum City Council and extended indefinitely.

3. Pursuant §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City of Yoakum City Clerk and the Texas Division fo Emergency Management.

4. Pursuant §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a state of disaster continues the City of Yoakum Emergency Management Plan.

5. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately and after its execution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Yoakum, Texas to be affixed hereto, this the 19th day of March, 2020.

SO ORDERED, PROCLAIMED AND PUBLISHED on this 19th day of March, 2020.



_____/s/
Anita R. Rodriguez
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____/s/
Theresa A. Bowe
City Clerk