



**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER  
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS** the World Health Organization has declared the coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 was first detected in Wuhan, China in December 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action for the protection of the people of The City of Tool; and

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of mitigation strategies can slow the transmission of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the Small Business Association (SBA) has designated COVID-19 as a qualifying event for the provision of Economic Injury Disaster Loans for businesses and private non-profits in affected communities.

**WHEREAS**, this Declaration activates the City's Emergency Management plan; and

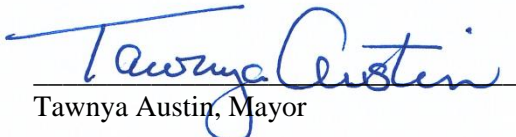
**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Tool has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate the efficient, rapid, and cooperative response to the emergency;

**THEREFORE**, be it Proclaimed by the City Council of The City of Tool that;

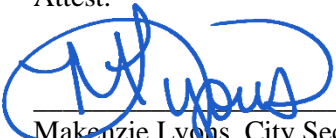
1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for The City of Tool, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. The state of disaster shall continue from the date of this declaration until terminated by action of the City Council and Mayor pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on March 25, 2020 and continuing through 11:59 on April 03, 2020.
3. This declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Government Code.
4. The City of Tool Declaration Plan incorporates the Governor's Executive Order GA-08 and any Orders issued by the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) pertaining to COVID-19 and all amendments or additional orders related thereto.
5. This declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Tool Emergency Plan, pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Government Code.

6. Pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §418.173, failure to comply with an emergency plan or with a rule, order, or ordinance adopted under this plan, including any executive order, proclamation, or regulation issued by the Governor during a state disaster or by the local jurisdiction during a local disaster, is an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both fine and confinement.
7. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and shall remain in effect until the Tool City Council takes further action.

**ORDERED** this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

  
Tawnya Austin, Mayor

Attest:

  
Makenzie Lyons, City Secretary  
City of Tool, Texas

