

# County of Comanche

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**SECOND AMENDED  
COUNTY OF COMANCHE, TEXAS  
COUNTY JUDGE DECLARATION OF  
LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER  
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY  
(MAY 1, 2020)**

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

**WHEREAS**, 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**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2020 the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020 a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, President Trump declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Comanche County, Texas, took extraordinary and immediate measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community, and to alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 25, 2020 the Comanche County Judge issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster for the imminent threat posed by the disease COVID-19 and on April 1, 2020, the Commissioners Court amended and extended that disaster declaration,

**WHEREAS**, Comanche County will work collaboratively with the City of Comanche, the City of De Leon, and the City of Gustine to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction and spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY  
THE COUNTY JUDGE OF COMANCHE COUNTY, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for Comanche County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 2.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless approved by the Commissioners Court of Comanche County, Texas.

**SECTION 3.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

**SECTION 4.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Comanche County, Texas, Emergency Management Plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

**SECTION 5.** - That this declaration authorizes the County to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the County's rules and directives.

**SECTION 6.** That all current and future Executive Orders issued by Governor Greg Abbott shall be recognized as the guidance for the conduct of all citizens of Comanche County, Texas pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 418. The Governor's Executive Orders shall remain in full force and effect unless and until the Governor shall amend or terminate same; and

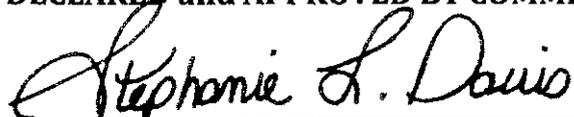
**SECTION 7.** In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

**SECTION 8.** That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

**SECTION 9.** That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and, upon approval by the Commissioners Court, shall continue in full force and effect until all Executive Orders or statewide disaster declarations issued by Governor Greg Abbott, or his successor, and Comanche County Judge Stephanie L. Davis, or her successor, in response to the COVID -19 Coronavirus Outbreak are terminated or expired.

**SECTION 10.** Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge at any time as deemed necessary.

**DECLARED and APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2020.**



**HON. STEPHANIE L. DAVIS  
COMANCHE COUNTY JUDGE  
DIR. OF EMERGENCY MGT. COMANCHE COUNTY**



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