

**TOWN OF PROSPER MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in or about December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath and, in some cases, the virus has caused death; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Prosper is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Prosper has established emergency protective measures, mitigation procedures, and emergency response plans for this type of health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Texas Governor Greg Abbott and both Collin County Judge Chris Hill and Denton County Judge Andy Eads have declared a local disaster due to a public health emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF PROSPER, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1

A local state of disaster due to public health emergency is hereby declared for the Town of Prosper, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2

Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster due to public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the effective date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Town Council of the Town of Prosper, Texas.

SECTION 3

Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster due to public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Town Secretary's Office.

SECTION 4

Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster has resulted the following:

- The Town's Emergency Operations Center has been partially activated, and conditions are being constantly monitored by emergency personnel.

- All Town-sponsored programs, activities, and classes are suspended through March 27.
- The Prosper Public Library and the 407 Rec Center are closed through March 27.
- Prosper Municipal Court is delaying all Court proceedings until April 14.
- All closures and cancellations will be reassessed and modified as conditions change.
- Town Council and Board/Commission meetings are cancelled until further notice.
- All other Town offices will remain open during normal operating hours.

SECTION 5

This Declaration authorizes the Town 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 Town, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the Town's rules, pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 6

This Declaration hereby suggests, pursuant to current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") guidance, that there be limits on the size of gatherings to not more than 50 people and the cancellation of gatherings of more than 50 people, until further notice is given from the CDC. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 50 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.

SECTION 7

This Declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 8

This Declaration shall take effect immediately.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED on this 16th day of March, 2020.





 Ray Smith, Mayor