

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA  
CITY OF FREEPORT

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER**

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, there has been at least 485 cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Brazoria County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020 Mayor Bass, signed a Declaration of Disaster governing the City of Freeport, Texas which was ratified by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Abbott, Governor of the State of Texas executed his most recent disaster orders, GA-18 and GA-19 for the State of Texas on April 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is extremely contagious and extraordinary measures must be taken to contain the virus and prevent its spread throughout the City of Freeport, Brazoria County and the region, including the quarantine of individuals, groups and property, and additionally, includes compelling individuals, groups or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take extraordinary steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health of the residents of Freeport Texas; and

WHEREAS, it is the primary responsibility of the emergency management organization of the City of Freeport, including but not limited to the Freeport Police Department, to enforce and ensure compliance with all COVID-19 related orders governing the jurisdiction of the City of Freeport, whether issued by the state, county, or the Mayor of Freeport;

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED BY MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS,

1. That the local state of disaster is hereby continued for the City of Freeport, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code

2. That effective immediately, and continuing through May 15, 2020, the Mayor hereby adopts the provisions of Executive Orders GA-18 and GA-19 issued by Governor Greg Abbott on April 27, 2020. The provisions of GA-18 and GA-19 are incorporated herein by reference as if written word for word.

3. That the order issued on March 30, 2020 “that all beaches in the City limits of Freeport Texas are closed to the public and no person shall enter the beach”, is hereby rescinded effective May 1, 2020.

4. Pursuant to the authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas, this proclamation also authorized the City of Freeport to take any and all further lawful actions necessary to contain, control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the City of Freeport.

5. All persons that violate any disaster order applicable to the jurisdiction of the City of Freeport may be charged and prosecuted pursuant to Freeport City Ordinance Section 36.08, Texas Government Code Section 418.173, and/or Texas Health and Safety Code Section 81.087.

6. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brooks Bass".

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Brooks Bass, Mayor  
City of Freeport Texas