

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 21-02-1192**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURPHY, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCES 20-03-1153, 20-03-1154, 20-04-1157, 20-05-1158, 20-06-1163, 20-07-1166, 20-08-1171, 20-09-1176, 20-10-1182, 20-12-1188, AND 21-01-1189; CONTINUING THE MAYOR'S DECLARATIONS OF LOCAL DISASTER UNTIL MARCH 16, 2021, AT 11:59 P.M. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE/REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION, AN EFFECTIVE DATE, PUBLICITY, FILING AND CONFLICT PROVISION.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Murphy is a Home-Rule municipality acting pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

**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**, on March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbot issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster for all counties within the State of Texas in response to the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, Mayor Scott Bradley executed a Proclamation Declaring a Local State of Disaster, on March 18, 2020; he executed a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency and on March 18, 2020; and he executed a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency First Revision, for the City of Murphy pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to extend the Declaration of Local Disaster for a period longer than seven days, the City Council must consent to such an extension pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, by majority vote, on March 24, 2020, the City Council consented to an extension of the declaration of local disaster until June 22, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time by adoption of Ordinance 20-03-1153; Council also adopted Ordinance 20-03-1154 on March 30, 2020, Ordinance 20-04-1157 (which addressed signs) on April 21, 2020, Ordinance 20-05-1158 on May 26, 2020, Ordinance 20-06-1163 on June 16, 2020, Ordinance 20-07-1166 on July 21, 2020, Ordinance 20-08-1171 on August 18, 2020, Ordinance 20-09-1176 on September 15, 2020, Ordinance 20-10-1182 on October 20, 2020, Ordinance 20-12-1188, on December 1, 2020, and Ordinance 21-01-1189 on January 5, 2021, which extended the declaration of local disaster to February 16, 2021, to help abate the public health threat; and at this time the City Council has concluded after evaluation of the community spread of COVID-19 and upon review of updated guidance and orders from the CDC, Texas Department of State Health Services (including an updated public health disaster in Texas issued November 13, 2020, by Commissioner of DSHS Dr. John Hellerstedt, who on the same day issued revised COVID-19 protocols for all employers, event organizers, youth clubs, etc.), the Governor of Texas (including his February 4, 2021 extension of his COVID-19 Disaster Declaration, Executive Order GA-32 issued October 7, 2020, which does not supersede Executive Orders GA-10, GA-13, GA-17, GA-24, GA-25, GA-29 or GA-31), Collin County Judge and Commissioners and others that it is necessary to extend the declaration of local disaster, as set forth herein in the best interest of the citizens of Murphy; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 14, 2021, Mayor Scott Bradley executed a Declaration of Local Disaster for Winter Weather Emergency for the City of Murphy pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council meeting scheduled for February 16, 2021 was postponed to February 23, 2021 due to inclement weather conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the current COVID Ordinance Number 21-01-1189 adopted January 5, 2021, extending the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency first Revision until February 16, 2021 would expire at midnight without action; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 16, 2021, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, Mayor Scott Bradley executed a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency due to the lack of opportunity for the Council to meet and vote to extend Ordinance Number 21-01-1189 that was set to expire, whereby this new declaration was signed so no lapse in the Disaster Declaration would occur; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to extend the Declaration of Local Disaster for a period longer than seven days, the City Council must consent to such an extension pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, this modification is made exclusively as a temporary response to an ongoing public health emergency and significant disruption to City of Murphy operations, it is not an accommodation of a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURPHY, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1. Incorporation of Premises.** That all of the above recitals are found to be true and correct and are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

**SECTION 2. Extension of Declarations of Local Disaster and Amendment of Ordinances 20-03-1153, 20-03-1154, 20-04-1157, 20-05-1158, 20-06-1163, 20-07-1166, 20-08-1171, 20-09-1176, 20-10-1182, 20-12-1188 and 21-01-1189.** That, in accordance with Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code and Article 1.03 of the City of Murphy Code of Ordinances, the City Council hereby consents to allow the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency First Revision to be extended until March 16, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time, which date is an amendment to Ordinances 20-03-1153, 20-03-1154, 20-04-1157, 20-05-1158, 20-06-1163, 20-07-1166, 20-08-1171, 20-09-1176, 20-10-1182, 20-12-1188 and 21-01-1189 and an extension of Mayor's Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency of February 16, 2021.

**SECTION 3. Penalties.** Any person, firm or corporation intentionally, knowingly or recklessly violating any term or provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a penalty of fine not to exceed the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for each offense. However, regarding a violation for not wearing a face covering in accordance with Texas Governor's Executive Order No. GA-29, following a verbal or written warning for a first-time violator of this face covering requirement, a person's second violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250). Each subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) per violation. Every day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

**SECTION 4 Savings.** That all rights and remedies of the City of Murphy are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any Ordinances that have accrued at the time of the

effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such Ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

**SECTION 5. Cumulative/Repealer Clause.** Ordinances No. 20-03-1153, 20-03-1154, 20-04-1157, 20-05-1158, 20-06-1163, 20-08-1171, 20-09-1176, 20-10-1182, 20-12-1188, and 21-01-1189 shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this or any other ordinance. This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other Ordinances of the City of Murphy and shall not repeal any of the provisions of such Ordinances except for those instances where there are direct conflicts with the provisions of this Ordinance or where expressly repealed hereby. Ordinances or parts thereof in force at the time this Ordinance shall take effect and that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6. Severability Clause.** If any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of this Ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.


**SECTION 7. Publication/Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law and City Charter in such cases provide.

**SECTION 8. Publicity and Filing.** Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(c), Section 3.05(2) of the Home Rule Charter and Article 1.03 of the City of Murphy Code of Ordinances, this continuation of the 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 City Secretary.


**SECTION 9. Conflict Provision.** All provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Murphy, codified or uncodified, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby temporarily superseded by this Ordinance for the duration of the dates specified herein.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Murphy, Texas, on this 23rd day of February, 2021.


ATTEST:

  
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Susie Quinn, City Secretary  
City of Murphy, Texas



  
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Scott Bradley, Mayor  
City of Murphy, Texas

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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for Wm. Andrew Messer, City Attorney