

ORDINANCE NO. 2020- 027- 0325

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS TO RENEW AND EXTEND THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY SIGNED BY MAYOR ROMERO ON MARCH 21, 2020 IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Anthony, Texas did hold a duly noticed Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Anthony, Texas did consider testimony from staff and the public before reaching its decision; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the statutory authority granted to the Town Council of the Town of Anthony, Texas as a municipality under Texas Local Government Code Section 51.001, the Town Council of the Town of Anthony, Texas may adopt, publish, amend, or repeal an ordinance, rule, or police regulation that: (1) is for the good government, peace, or order of the municipality or for the trade and commerce of the municipality; and (2) is necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the municipality or to an office or department of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the statutory authority granted to the municipality as a Type A General-Law Municipality under Texas Local Government Code Section 51.012, the municipality may adopt an ordinance, act, law, or regulation, not inconsistent with state law, that is necessary for the government, interest, welfare, or good order of the municipality as a body politic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, the Mayor signed a *Declaration Of Local Disaster Due To Public Health Emergency* arising from the COVID-19 pandemic that has now reached El Paso County; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, there are several declared cases of COVID-19 in the County of El Paso; and

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

WHEREAS, Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code provides that a local state of disaster may not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven (7) days without the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the condition necessitating declaration of a local state of disaster continues to exist; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Anthony, Texas desires to renew and extend the declaration of local disaster as provided in Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Anthony, Texas finds it necessary and appropriate for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Anthony, Texas to take this action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS, THAT:


- Section 1. The foregoing recitals are adopted as facts and are incorporated fully herein.
- Section 2. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the Town Council hereby renews and extends the declaration of local disaster until terminated by further ordinance of the Town Council.
- Section 3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, the Town Clerk shall give prompt and general publicity of this renewal and extension of the declaration of local disaster.
- Section 4. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 25 DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

APPROVED:


Benjamin Romero
Mayor

ATTEST:


Norma Gonzalez
Town Clerk



ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro-Tem Shawn Weeks	<u> YES </u>
Councilor Jose Garcia	<u> YES </u>
Councilor Eddie Chavez	<u> YES </u>
Councilor Louie Alfaro	<u> YES </u>