

**ORDINANCE 20 - 05**

**WHEREAS**, on March 26, 2020, the Mayor issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster for the City of Commerce resulting from the continued threat of COVID-19.

**WHEREAS**, beginning in December 2019, a novel corona virus which causes the disease 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. In some cases, the virus has caused death; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hunt County Judge declared a local disaster for Hunt County on March 23, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of Texas has declared a Public Health Disaster over the coronavirus pandemic, and

**WHEREAS**, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Hunt County, in which the City of Commerce is located, including the potential quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, and property and, additionally, including compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the conditions necessitating declaration of a state of disaster continue to exist; and

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

1. That the state of disaster proclaimed for the City of Commerce by the Mayor on March 26, 2020 shall continue until April 30, 2020 by order of the MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL.
2. That an offense violating a health and public safety ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,000.
3. This ordinance is passed as an emergency measure and pursuant to emergency management protocol and shall become effective on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2020.

APPROVED, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2020.

  
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Mayor