



NOTICE TO PUBLIC
NOTICE OF MEETING VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 19, 2020, the City Council of the City of Athens, Texas will meet in an Emergency meeting at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2020 in the Derek D. Daniels Conference Room of the Athens Partnership Center, 201 West Corsicana St, Athens, TX via Facebook Live in order to advance the public health goal by avoiding social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) [There will be no public access to the location described above.]

This notice and meeting agenda, and the agenda packet, are posted online at <https://www.athenstx.gov/resources/2017-city-council-agendas>

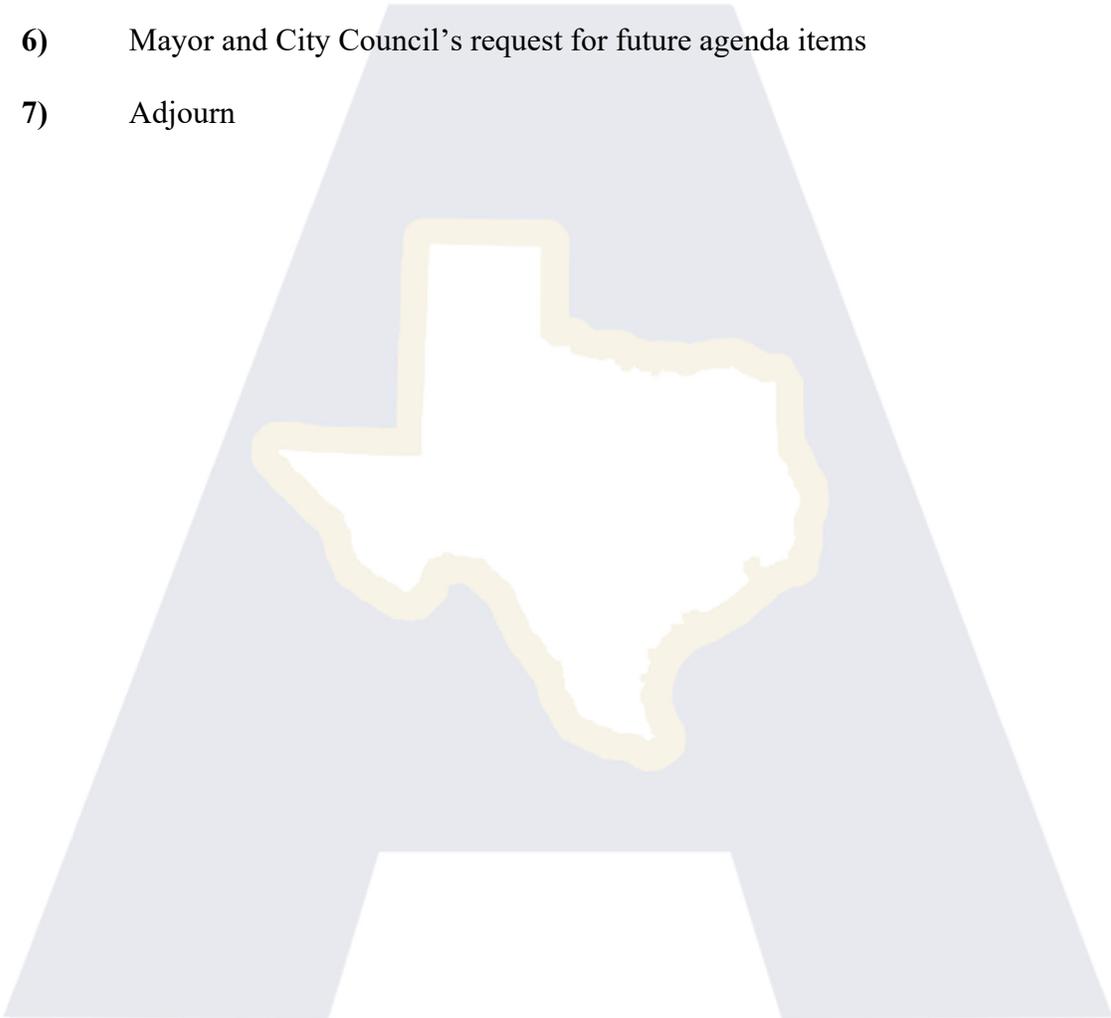
The public can participate by going to the following link
<https://www.facebook.com/CityofAthensTexas/>

The public will be permitted to offer public comments by sending an email to citysecretary@athenstx.gov as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

A recording of the Facebook Live meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

- 1) Invocation
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Declaration of Conflict of Interest
- 4) Discuss, consider and take action, as necessary, concerning the approval of a Resolution amending the City of Athens Disaster Declaration issued on March 23, 2020 due to the imminent threat to Public Health and Safety as a result of the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID – 19), Epidemic, as declared by the World Health Organization as a Pandemic on March 11, 2020 – [E. Borstad]

- 5) Public Communications
“Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.007, members of the public may speak on an agenda item during the public communication section of the meeting or at the time the agenda item is called for discussion by the Mayor. Speakers shall be given three (3) minutes to speak. A speaker needing a translator and/or interpreter may be given six (6) minutes to speak. Members of the public wishing to address the Council on non-agenda items may do so pursuant to the same time constraints as agenda items. The Council will not comment on items not on the agenda; however, the Council may refer the item to City Staff for research, resolution or referral of the matter to the Council as a future agenda item.”
- 6) Mayor and City Council’s request for future agenda items
- 7) Adjourn



Executive Session (Closed Meeting): Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.087, 418.183(f), and 418.106(d) & (e). Refer to posted list attached hereto and incorporated herein.

If during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, the City Council should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the City Council or a consultation with the attorney for the City should be held or is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session or consultation with attorney as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code § 551.001 et. seq., will be held by the City Council at the date, hour and place given in this notice as the City Council may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session or consult with the attorney for the City concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including, but not limited to, the following sanctions and purposes:

Texas Government Code Section:

§ 551.071 - Private consultation with the attorney for the City.

§ 551.072 - Discussing purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

§ 551.074 - Discussing personnel or to hear complaints or charges against personnel or officials.

“PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.06, PENAL CODE (TRESPASS BY LICENSE HOLDER WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN), A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411, GOVERNMENT CODE (HANDGUN LICENSING LAW), MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN.”

“DE CONFORMIDAD CON LA SECCIÓN 30.06, CÓDIGO PENAL (ESTAR EN ESTA PROPIEDAD POR TITULAR DE LA LICENCIA CON UNA PISTOLA OCULTA), UNA PERSONA CON LICENCIA BAJO EL SUBCAPÍTULO H, CAPÍTULO 411, CÓDIGO DE GOBIERNO (LEY DE LICENCIAS ARMA DE FUEGO), NO PUEDE ENTRAR EN ESTA PROPIEDAD CON UNA PISTOLA OCULTA.”

"PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.07, PENAL CODE (TRESPASS BY LICENSE HOLDER WITH AN OPENLY CARRIED HANDGUN), A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411, GOVERNMENT CODE (HANDGUN LICENSING LAW), MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A HANDGUN THAT IS CARRIED OPENLY"

“DE CONFORMIDAD CON LA SECCIÓN 30.07, CÓDIGO PENAL (ESTAR EN ESTA PROPIEDAD POR TITULAR DE LA LICENCIA CON UNA PISTOLA EN PLENO VISTA), UNA PERSONA CON LICENCIA BAJO EL SUBCAPÍTULO H, CAPÍTULO 411, CÓDIGO DE GOBIERNO (LEY DE LICENCIAS ARMA DE FUEGO), NO PUEDE ENTRAR EN ESTA PROPIEDAD CON UNA PISTOLA EN PLENO VISTA”

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ATHENS, TEXAS
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
AMENDED ORDER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS the World Health Organization has declared the coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 was first detected in Wuhan, China in December 2019; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action for the protection of the people of Athens, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of mitigation strategies can slow the transmission of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Small Business Association (SBA) has designated COVID-19 as a qualifying event for the provision of Economic Injury Disaster Loans for businesses and private non-profits in affected communities.

WHEREAS, this Declaration activates the City's Emergency Management plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Athens, Texas has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate the efficient, rapid, and cooperative response to the emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 the City Council of the City of Athens extended the original Disaster Declaration issued by the Mayor on March 19, 2020;

THEREFORE, Be it Declared by the Mayor of Athens, Texas that the Disaster Declaration issued by the City Council of the City of Athens on March 23, 2020 shall be amended as follows;

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for Athens, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. This amended declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk, pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code.
3. This declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Athens Emergency Plan.

4. The City of Athens Declaration Plan incorporates the Governor's Executive Order GA-14 and all amendments or additional orders related thereto and not superseded by GA-14.
5. All individuals currently living within the City of Athens are directed to shelter at their place of residence. For the purposes of this Order, residences include hotels, motels, shared rentals, and similar facilities. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must, at all times, as reasonably as possible maintain social distancing as specified by Center for Disease Control (CDC).
6. This order does not prohibit individuals from accessing essential services or from engaging in essential daily activities as outlined by Executive Order GA-14 issued by Governor Greg Abbott on March 31, 2020.
7. The City of Athens will close all City Parks to group activities and the use of playground equipment will not be allowed. Walking paths and outdoor space will remain open with social distancing requirements as outlined by the CDC.
8. Pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §418.173, failure to comply with an emergency plan or with a rule, order, or ordinance adopted under the plan, including any executive order, proclamation, or regulation issued by the Governor during a state disaster or by the Mayor or City Council during a local disaster, is an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both fine and confinement.
9. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and shall remain in effect until the City Council of the City of Athens takes additional action.

ORDERED this the 2nd day of April 2020.

Monte Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-037

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS
AMENDING RESOLUTION 2020-R-034, AMENDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY
ORDER AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Monte Montgomery, Mayor of the City of Athens, Texas issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency for the City of Athens, in response to help prevent and control COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 the City Council of the City of Athens extended the Mayor's original declaration and incorporated all Executive Orders issued by Governor Greg Abbott related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020 Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-14 which supersedes GA-08; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the inclusion of Executive Order GA-14, the City Council of the City of Athens deems it necessary to close parks to group activity and close playgrounds to the public by this amended Disaster Declaration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ATHENS, TEXAS:**

That the Disaster Declaration passed and approved on March 23, 2020 be amended as shown in the attached **CITY OF ATHENS, DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER AMENDED ORDER.**

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ATHENS, CITY, TEXAS, on this 2nd day of APRIL 2020.**

Monte Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary