City of Breckenridge

DECLARATION OF LOCAL

DISASTER 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 Stephens County and City of Breckenridge; and

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

WHEREAS, this Declaration activates the County and City emergency management plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Breckenridge 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;

THEREFORE, Be It Proclaimed by The Mayor of the City of Breckenridge that:

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Breckenridge, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Local Government Code.

2. The state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commission of the City of Breckenridge, pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Texas Local Government Code.

3. This declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Texas Local Government Code.

4. This declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Stephens County Emergency Plan, pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Texas Local Government Code.

5. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 16th day of March 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

Bob Sims

Bob Sims, Mayor

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