



PRESS RELEASE

MCLENDON-CHISHOLM MAYOR KEITH SHORT DECLARES LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

March 17, 2020 – McLendon-Chisholm Mayor Keith Short proclaimed a Local State of Disaster due to COVID-19. The City of McLendon-Chisholm is taking appropriate measure to prevent, respond to and mitigate COVID-19.

In addition to encouraging current CDC recommendations, the City of McLendon-Chisholm is taking the following proactive measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- The McLendon-Chisholm Fire Rescue Department (MCFD) will respond to calls as usual. Anyone experiencing a threat to life or property should call 9-1-1. MCFD will not conduct station tours or allow visitors to enter the fire station until further notice to reduce the possibility of exposure and/or transmission of COVID-19.
- City Hall will remain open for business between 9 am to 5 pm Monday – Friday for routine business such as the issuance of building permits. City personnel may limit City Hall visitors to the lobby area. Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council Meetings will be held as scheduled. Citizens may attend these meetings but are encouraged to watch live or recorded public meetings at <https://mclendon-chisholm.civicweb.net/Portal/> to prevent or limit the spread of COVID-19. Anyone wishing to express public comments may attend meetings or may submit comments to the City Administrator at lisa@mclendon-chisholm.com. Any comments received will be read into the record during the meeting.
- City Hall high touch areas will be cleaned and sanitized often to reduce risk of virus transmission.
- McLendon-Chisholm encourages all citizens to monitor and follow current CDC recommendations, limit gatherings of 10 people or more and to practice social distancing.
- Business owners are encouraged to monitor current CDC recommendations and amend business practices as needed to reduce risk of exposure/transmission of COVID-19.

- This Declaration of Local State of Disaster is subject to change as conditions change and shall continue for a period of not more than 7 days unless continued or renewed by City Council.

For additional information, please contact:

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CITY OF MCLENDON-CHISHOLM
MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV-2 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, President Donald Trump has proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency in the United States and Governor Greg Abbott has declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the municipal level; and

WHEREAS, Rockwall County and the City of McLendon-Chisholm have already taken significant measures to prepare for and prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of City of McLendon-Chisholm citizens; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster in the City of McLendon-Chisholm will facilitate and expedite the procurement, use, and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Short, Mayor of the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster to the City of McLendon-Chisholm. In accordance with Section 418.018 of the Texas Government Code, I hereby declare a state of disaster and public health emergency for the City of McLendon-Chisholm.

Furthermore, consistent with guidance from the White House, I recommend the postponement or cancellation of all public gatherings greater than 10 people.

This declaration shall take effect immediately from its issuance and shall continue for a period of not more than seven days unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, this declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary of the City of McLendon-Chisholm.

BE IT SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this 17th day of March 2020.





Keith Short
Mayor