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COVID-19, Coronavirus Disaster Declaration

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Copperas Cove, Texas -- While there are no suspected or confirmed cases of persons affected by COVID-19 within the City of Copperas Cove at this time, there is a need to implement necessary measures to protect the citizens of the City.

Copperas Cove Mayor Bradi Diaz has issued a Disaster Declaration today for the City of Copperas Cove. The declaration for our community is consistent with the Executive Order issued by Texas Governor Greg Abbott on March 19, 2020. The declaration is to protect the interest and safety of all citizens and enables the City to implement measures to prepare for, mitigate against, respond to and recover from the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The Disaster Declaration takes effect immediately and remains in full force until Friday March 27, 2020. In order for the Disaster Declaration to be extended, it must be considered and approved by the Copperas Cove City Council before it expires on March 27, 2020.

The City continues to monitor information on Coronavirus (COVID-19) that is being disseminated from various agencies to include National, State and Local. The City Leadership team comprised of Department Directors and Emergency Management continues to monitor and exchange information relevant to this situation and the well-being of our community.

At this time, City staff will continue to provide essential services to the citizens and will only make modifications to those services as needed or mandated to ensure the greatest safety to the citizens and City staff.

Citizens are encouraged to monitor City media releases, social media pages, government access channel, Cove Watch, Active Net and the Code Red Emergency notification system. A page is being set up on the City's website where all pertinent information will be available for review at: www.copperascovetx.gov. Citizens may sign up for Code Red by following a link on the City of Copperas Cove website: www.copperascovetx.gov/codered.

Information about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is being updated on a daily basis. In order to educate yourself and to stay abreast of the most current information, or if you have symptoms and need guidance, please view this website: www.coronavirus.gov. This website contains the most current information available and provides answers to the most commonly asked questions.