



Address Block

Westworth Village, TX 76114

April 7, 2020

Fellow Citizens,

Disaster declaration: As of noon today, I signed the attached disaster declaration. We will continue to follow all state and county disaster protocols. While this action is not required, as we are part of the Tarrant County Emergency Action Plan, I felt it in our best interest as we currently have one confirmed case of COVID-19 within the city limits.

Specific locational information on this case is restricted from the general public due to HIPPA regulations, but be assured your city staff is taking all necessary precautions. (Please do not be offended if they keep their distance from you.)

This declaration will be used to support financial reimbursement claims for funds expended in response to the disaster. Your emergency responders, including our police, public works, and on-site support staff have necessary but limited supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE), and additional supplies have been ordered. If you must be outside, it is imperative you maintain social distancing.

Election: I have reached out to Governor Abbott, requesting we be allowed to conduct a street maintenance sales tax ratification election in July, in conjunction with Fort Worth's already-approved special CCPD tax election. Otherwise, this important revenue source will expire in September.

Since the next lawful election date is in November, cities across the state are requesting Governor Abbott to use his emergency power and allow July municipal elections. Your city council will take action at our April meeting officially postponing the May 2nd general election to the earliest lawful election date (likely November).

Council meeting: The April 14th council meeting will take place as scheduled; however there will be no in-person attendance. Per gubernatorial emergency authorization, it will be conducted via teleconference, allowing all citizens the ability to call in and listen. Detailed dial-in instructions and information will be published with the agenda.

Please take this COVID-19 threat seriously, and stay at home if possible. Your city staff is working incredibly hard to serve your interests. I promise better days are ahead.

Mayor Kelly Jones