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### City Extends COVID-19 Disaster Declaration

In a short meeting Monday night, the Lampasas City Council voted unanimously to extend the City's COVID-19 Disaster Declaration through April 30th. The Declaration was scheduled to expire on April 3<sup>rd</sup> but was extended by Mayor Talbert through April 6<sup>th</sup> for full Council consideration. The City Declaration now remains in effect consistent with the term of Governor Abbott's Statewide Order regarding continuation of essential services and activities. Similar to Governor Abbott's Order, the City Declaration defines essential businesses, services, and activities, and encourages residents to stay home and stay safe. City Council also reviewed current utility payment fees for credit card and on-line processing and chose not to waive those fees at this time. "The City has suspended all late fees, notification fees, and will not cut utilities off during the COVID disaster, and staff has been able to extend payment options for our customers," said Mayor Misti Talbert. "We understand some customers have been impacted greatly by these events, and we want to keep options open to change our fee structure in the future if conditions do not improve," added Talbert. In related business, based on staff's recommendation, Council directed that the Hancock Park Golf Course remain closed, and that remote or parking lot Religious Services be allowed to continue providing public safety directives are followed. "The next two weeks will be critical in delaying any spread of the virus in the City. Our daily lives have been turned upside down, and it's more important than ever to keep social distancing, wash hands frequently, not gather in groups of 10 or more people, and stay at home as much as possible," said Finley deGraffenried, City Manager.

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For additional information, or if you care to further report, please contact Jeff Smith, Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator, or Finley deGraffenried, City Manager.