



PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION – COVID19

RS-21-119

August 24, 2021

Background and Findings

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- ❑ On March 18, 2020, Mayor Jose Segarra issued a Declaration of Local State of Disaster for a Public Health Emergency
- ❑ On March 24, 2020, the City Council extended the Local State of Disaster for a Public Health Emergency until Bell County ends theirs
- ❑ On June 1, 2021, Bell County terminated their declaration, thus terminating Killeen's
- ❑ During July 2021 active cases and hospitalization rates have risen significantly
- ❑ On August 5, 2021, Bell County Public Health District raised the County COVID-19 threat level to Level 1: Severe Uncontrolled Community Transmission

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- Stafford Act requires
 - ▣ Local jurisdictions to have a Disaster Declaration in place in order to request resources during a disaster
 - ▣ Emergency costs submitted for reimbursement under FEMA's Public Assistance program to be made while under a disaster declaration

Alternatives

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- ❑ Not continue the Mayor's declaration;
- ❑ Consent to continue the Mayor's declaration for a defined time; or
- ❑ Consent to continue the Mayor's declaration indefinitely until terminated by the Mayor.

Recommendation

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- Due to rising cases, the need to continue coordinating resources, and to adhere to Stafford Act declaration requirements; Staff recommends that the Mayor's declaration be extended indefinitely until terminated by the Mayor.