DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO TROPICAL STORM HANNA

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Hanna is expected to make landfall in Texas on July 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Hanna is expected to bring heavy rain and thunderstorms, and flash flooding is likely to occur within the Rio Grande Valley and the City of Edinburg; and

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code Chapter 418, Section 418.108 authorizes the Mayor of a municipality to declare a local state of disaster, and exercise the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, a declaration local state of disaster shall activate all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration. The appropriate preparedness and response aspects of the plans are activated as provided in the plans and take effect immediately after the local state of disaster is declared; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of a local state of disaster permits the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, prevent the spread of and control the risk of disease, in order to promote the public health, safety and welfare of residents of the City of Edinburg, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Edinburg, Texas has determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by Tropical Storm Hanna throughout the City of Edinburg, Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE; BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EDINBURG, TEXAS:

1. That a state of disaster is declared for the City of Edinburg, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code; and

2. That the City’s Emergency Management Plan has been implemented; and

3. That this state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days of the date hereof, unless the same is continued by consent of the City Council of the City of Edinburg, Texas; and

4. Pursuant to §418.018(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary; and
5. Pursuant to the authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas, this declaration authorizes the City of Edinburg to take actions necessary to protect the health and safety of persons in the City; and

6. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 24th day of July, 2020.

CITY OF EDINBURG, TEXAS

Richard R. Molina, Mayor

ATTEST: 09

Myra L. Ayala, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Omar Ochoa, City Attorney