



City of Glenn Heights
Special Called
City Council Meeting
Agenda Packet

April 7, 2020

Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.



**NOTICE AND AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020, 6:30 P.M.
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City of Glenn Heights will conduct a Special Called Meeting by telephone and video conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (CoVID-19).

This Notice and Meeting Agenda, and the Agenda Packet, are posted online at <https://www.glennheightstx.gov/AgendaCenter>.

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<https://www.facebook.com/CityofGlennHeights>.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Glenn Heights City Council will hold a Special Called City Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, beginning at 6:30 P.M via telephone and video conference as prescribed by Vernon’s Texas Civil Statutes, Government Code Section §551.041, to consider and possibly take action on the following agenda items. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown in this meeting Notice and Agenda.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION – Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

If you would like to make a Public Comment during the “Public Comment” portion of the meeting, please email Brandi Brown, City Secretary, at brandi.brown@glennheightstx.gov no later than **5:30 P.M. on April 7, 2020**.

Please include the following information in your email:

- Name
- Address
- Email Address and Phone Number
- Agenda Item or General Subject of Your Comment

Once your request is received, you will be given information to access the meeting via telephone or video conference (which provides two-way communication during the Public Comment portion of the meeting).

AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to determine that circumstances involving public urgency or other important public purpose require that Ordinance O-07-20 be adopted after consideration at only one meeting. (David Hall, City Manager)
2. Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance O-07-20, an Ordinance of the City of Glenn Heights Continuing the City's Declaration of Disaster for Public Health Emergency and Adopting Control Orders Related Thereto. (David Hall, City Manager; Victoria W. Thomas, City Attorney)

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, If you are a person with a disability and require information or materials in an appropriate alternative format; or if you require any other accommodations, please contact the City Secretary at least 48 hours in advance of the event at 972-223-1690 ext. 125 or email brandi.brown@glennheightstx.gov. Advance notification within this guideline will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

I, Brandi Brown, City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above Meeting Notice and Agenda were posted in a place convenient to the Public at Glenn Heights City Hall, 1938 South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020. Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to consult in closed session with its attorney at any time during the course of this meeting and to receive legal advice regarding any item listed on this agenda.

Brandi Brown, City Secretary

Invocation



Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr.

ORDINANCE NO. O-07-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS, TEXAS, CONTINUING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATING TO COVID-19; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN; ADOPTING THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS REGARDING THE STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO COVID-19 AS MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME; ADOPTING DALLAS COUNTY'S EMERGENCY ORDERS REGARDING THE STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO COVID-19 AS MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME; GRANTING THE MAYOR THE POWER AND AUTHORITY TO REVIEW, ADOPT, RATIFY, AND EXECUTE ANY SUBSEQUENT EMERGENCY ORDERS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, beginning in December, 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath with the virus, in some cases, causing death; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, and property and, additionally, compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas, Dallas County, and the Mayor of the City of Glenn Heights, have issued Declarations of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency and have issued Orders related thereto to implement measures for the protection of the public health; and

WHEREAS, the City's emergency management plan has been activated by the Declaration of Local Disaster signed by the Mayor of the City of Glenn Heights on March 12, 2020, which was ratified by the Glenn Heights City Council on March 17, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. A local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for Glenn Heights, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 3. The City's Emergency Management Plan has been implemented in accordance with the Code of Ordinances and Government Code Section 418.108(d) and shall remain active through the duration of the Disaster Declaration.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to Section 121.003 and 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, and such other powers the City may have under the City Charter and laws, the City Council adopts and approves the following orders to have the force and effect of law and the same shall be enforceable under the terms of this Ordinance, provided further that in the event of a conflict as to any term in the orders, the orders shall be given priority according to the following order of precedence as to such term: (i) Executive Orders promulgated by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas regarding the state of disaster relating to COVID-19; (ii) Emergency Orders of Dallas County regarding the state of disaster relating to COVID-19; and (iii) Emergency Orders of the Mayor pursuant to the powers under Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code and the City's Emergency Management ordinances.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 418 and City's Code of Ordinances, the Mayor shall be delegated and given the full power and authority, without further action of the City Council, to issue, modify or terminate any lawful order necessary to protect the public health during this time of declared local state of disaster for the public health so long as the order does not conflict with this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. The City Council hereby extends indefinitely the local state of disaster declared by the Mayor and previously extended by the Council unless and until terminated by the subsequent order of the Mayor.

SECTION 7. A violation of any provision set forth in any of the orders adopted herein, and thus a violation of this Ordinance, shall be subject to criminal penalties as provided for in the City of Glenn Heights Code of Ordinances which includes a monetary penalty of up to \$1,000.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance and the most recently issued orders, as identified in Section 4 above, from the State, the County, and the City shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed with the City Secretary. Further, as new orders or amendments to the current orders referenced in Section 4 above are issued, those new orders or amendments to current orders shall also be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed with the City Secretary until the local state of disaster declared extended by this Ordinance is terminated.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage as the law and charter in such case provide.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas on the 7th day of April, 2020.

APPROVED:

Harry A. Garrett
Mayor

ATTEST:

Brandi Brown, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Victoria W. Thomas
City Attorney (TM114904 040220)



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AMENDED ORDER OF COUNTY JUDGE CLAY JENKINS

Stay Home Stay Safe

DATE AMENDED ORDER ISSUED: March 29, 2020

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 12, 2020, due to a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19,;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Judge Jenkins issued an Order in furtherance of his authority to protect the safety and welfare of the public by slowing the spread of the virus,;

WHEREAS, the on-going evaluation of circumstances related to the virus and the updated recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services warrant the March 12, 2020 Order of County Judge Clay Jenkins be amended;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Trump acknowledged the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic, releasing strict new guidelines to limit people's interactions, including that Americans should avoid groups of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Dallas County Commissioners Court issued an Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Dallas County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, unless rescinded by order of the Commissioners Court.

THEREFORE, the March 12, 2020, Order of County Judge Clay Jenkins is hereby AMENDED as follows:

Summary: The virus that causes 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) is easily transmitted through person to person contact, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety. Because of the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, and the need to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, this Order requires all individuals anywhere in Dallas County to shelter in place – that is, stay at home – except for certain essential activities and work to provide essential business and government services or perform essential public infrastructure construction, including housing. This Order takes effect at 11:59 p.m. on March 29, 2020 and will continue through 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to the limited exceptions and under the terms and conditions more particularly set forth below.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108, DALLAS COUNTY JUDGE CLAY JENKINS ORDERS:

1. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on March 29, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020:



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- (a) All individuals currently living within Dallas County are ordered to shelter at their place of residence. For the purposes of this Order, residences include hotels, motels, shared rentals, and similar facilities. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably as possible maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence. All persons may leave their residences only for Essential Activities, or to provide or perform Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses, all as defined in Section 2.
- (b) All businesses operating within Dallas County, except Essential Businesses as defined in below in Section 2, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the County except Minimum Basic Operations as defined in Section 2. For clarity, businesses may continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e. working from home). To the greatest extent possible, all Essential Businesses shall comply with the Social Distancing Rules attached, including maintaining six feet social distancing for both employees and the general public.
- (c) All public or private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, except as otherwise provided herein. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.
- (d) All elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures are prohibited anywhere in Dallas County. Hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, dental offices, and other medical facilities are directed to identify procedures that are deemed "elective" by assessing which procedures can be postponed or cancelled based on patient risk considering the emergency need for redirection of resources to COVID-19 response.

2. Definitions:

- a. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following “**Essential Activities**”:
 - i. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (for example, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies need to work from home).
 - ii. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others (for example, food, pet supply, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences).
 - iii. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with social distancing requirements of six feet (for example, walking, biking, hiking, running, golfing, and tennis).
 - iv. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order.



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- v. To care for a family member or pet in another household.
 - vi. To move to another residence either in or outside Dallas County.
 - vii. To engage in “**Essential Travel**,” which includes travel for any of the following purposes: (1) travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses Essential Critical Infrastructure, and Minimum Basic Operation; (2) travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons; (3) travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services; (4) travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction; (5) travel required by law enforcement or court order; (6) travel by church staff or clergy for the purpose of production of remote delivery of religious services and other ministries requiring travel; (7) travel related to attending a funeral service; or (8) travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the County.
- b. For purposes of this Order, “**Essential Businesses**” means:
- i. **Essential Healthcare Operations.** Healthcare Operations includes but is not limited to hospitals, clinics, dentists, chiropractors, physical therapy, optometry offices, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, mental health providers, substance abuse service providers, blood banks, medical research, laboratory services, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. Home-based and residential-based care for seniors, adults, or children are also considered healthcare operations. Healthcare operations also includes veterinary care and all health and welfare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be viewed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare. Healthcare operations do not include fitness and exercise gyms, personal training, gymnastics studios, and similar facilities. Healthcare operations do not include elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures as established in accordance with Subsection 1(f) of this Order.
 - ii. **Essential Governmental Functions.** All services provided by local governments needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. Each governmental body will determine its Essential Governmental Functions and identify the employees and/or contractors necessary to the performance of those functions. Further, nothing in this order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing “Essential Governmental Functions.” All Essential Governmental Functions shall be performed in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet, to the extent possible. This Order does not apply to Federal or State Government.
 - iii. **Essential Critical Infrastructure.** All public and private facilities and assets, including both physical and cyber systems, and other functions and sectors vital to the security, governance, and public health, safety of Dallas County. Critical infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, utilities such as electricity, gas, water and wastewater, roads and highways, public



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transportation, solid waste and recycle collection and removal, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, defense and national security-related operations, and manufacturing operations supplying essential items to Essential Businesses, Essential Governmental Functions, and Critical Infrastructure. Critical Infrastructure employers should implement screening precautions to protect employees and all activity shall be performed in compliance with social distancing guidelines attached. For reference, the CISA 16 critical infrastructure sectors can be found here: <https://www.cisa.gov/critical-infrastructure-sectors>.

- iv. **Stores that Sell Groceries and Other Essential Supplies.** Grocery stores, supermarkets, warehouse stores, big-box stores, bodegas, liquor stores, convenience stores, and farmers' markets that sell food products and household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products. The sale of self-service food items is prohibited. To the greatest extent possible, essential retail establishments shall follow the guidelines below:
 1. Designate shopping times for at risk populations (seniors, pregnant people, and people with underlying health conditions);
 2. Limit the amount of people in a store at once so that social distancing is possible;
 3. Implement an organized line system where people are spaced at least a few feet apart (ideally 6 feet);
 4. Implement purchase limits on high-demand items (toilet paper, soap, hand sanitizer);
 5. Offer pick up or deliveries of grocery items.
- v. **Restaurants.** Restaurants with or without drive-in or drive-through services and microbreweries, micro-distilleries, or wineries may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-through services as allowed by law. In-person service is prohibited. Customers may order and pay inside, but are prohibited from waiting inside the restaurant for their food. All food must be brought outside to customers. To allow for increased access to restaurants, this Order hereby suspends all laws and regulations prohibiting people from walking in a drive-through.
- vi. **Food Cultivation.** Food cultivation, including farming, fishing, and livestock.
- vii. **Delivery of Groceries and Essential Supplies.** Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, hygiene products, and essential supplies directly to residences or essential businesses.
- viii. **Transportation.** Operation, maintenance, and repair of airlines, taxis, and other private transportation providers (such as Uber and Lyft) that provide transportation services necessary for the performance of essential activities and essential travel.



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- ix. **Gas Stations and Businesses Needed for Transportation.** Gas stations, auto-supply stores, auto-repair, and bicycle repair. Auto-dealerships, for in-person mechanical services or to complete an online transaction on an appointment basis only. Gas stations and convenience stores are prohibited from selling self-service food items.
- x. **Critical Trades.** Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, janitors, lawn care services, pool cleaners, maintenance and security, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences, Essential Businesses, Essential Government Functions, and Critical Infrastructure. Critical Trade does not include discretionary maintenance or improvements. Union representatives and their staff, if they represent employees of an Essential Business, Essential Government Functions, or Critical Infrastructure.
- xi. **Construction.** Construction for public works, residential, commercial, and schools. Elective additions and maintenance are prohibited. Protecting construction worker from the spread of COVID19 is extremely important for their safety and for public health, all construction sites must follow the COVID-19 Safety Recommendations issued by the Construction Industry Safety Coalition, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - 1. All workers and contractors (hereafter referred to as “workers”) must take their temperature at their residence. If a worker has a temperature above 99.6 degrees Fahrenheit, then they are prohibited from going to work and must remain at their residence;
 - 2. To the greatest extent possible, implement a system whereby supervisors must check the temperature of all workers and contractors with a forehead thermometer before the worker begins work. If n worker or contractor has a temperature above 99.6 degrees Fahrenheit, then they are to be sent home immediately;
 - 3. Shift work must be implemented such that each shift shall have no more than fifty percent (50%) of the workers who were on shift on March 16, 2020. Once assigned to a shift, workers shall not change from one shift to another;
 - 4. To the greatest extent possible, limit crossover of subcontractors;
 - 5. Gatherings during meals or breaks are prohibited;
 - 6. Workers must keep a 6 foot distance between people at all times, unless the work being performed requires multiple individuals for the safety of the workers;
 - 7. Workers must not use a common water cooler. Employers shall provide individual water bottles or instruct workers to bring their own;
 - 8. Employers must allow non-essential personnel to work from home when possible;



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9. Employers must provide soap and water and hand sanitizer in the workplace, including all restrooms. Ensure that adequate supplies are maintained;
10. If running water is available at the site, workers must wash their hands for at least twenty (20) seconds before beginning work, when they remove gloves, and before and after the use of shared items such as tools or multi-user devices, before and after any meal or restroom breaks, and when their shift or work time ends.
11. Rest breaks of at least fifteen (15) minutes for every four (4) hours worked must be provided so workers may follow hygiene guidelines;
12. Employers must provide one (1) working flushing toilet for every fifteen (15) workers on site or one (1) outdoor portable toilet for every 10 workers on site;
13. There shall be no adverse action taken against an employee who has been quarantined, or advised to self-quarantine, due to possible exposure to coronavirus; and
14. Employers must designate a COVID-19 safety monitor on each site who has the authority to enforce these rules;

Failure to strictly comply with this Order can result in penalties described below. Additionally, the general contractor and non-compliant subcontractor can be removed from the essential business list.

- xii. **Professional Services.** Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities or services necessary to avoid imminent harm to a client. Real estate and inspection services, but only for the purpose of title work and closing; in-person open houses and showings are prohibited.
- xiii. **Financial Institutions.** Banks and related depository financial institutions, credit unions, insurance companies, title companies, payroll and accounting services. Non-depository institutions (such as payday lenders) are prohibited.
- xiv. **Information Technology Services/Telecommunications Services.** IT and IT services and their essential service vendors, including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services, and critical manufacturing, as well as telecommunications services, internet access and broadband/communications services.
- xv. **Essential Retail.** Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers., hardware stores, and related facilities. Firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers for purposes of safety and security. Hardware stores and business that sell electrical, plumbing, and other materials necessary to support Essential Businesses, and Essential Government Functions, and Critical Infrastructure. To the greatest extent possible, essential retail establishments shall follow the guidelines below:



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1. Designate shopping times for at risk populations (seniors, pregnant people, and people with underlying health conditions);
 2. Limit the amount of people in a store at once so that social distancing is possible; and
 3. Implement an organized line system where people are spaced at least a few feet apart (ideally 6 feet).
- xvi. **Hotels and Motels.** Hotels and motels, to the extent used for lodging or delivery or carry-out food services.
- xvii. **Providers of Basic Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations.** Businesses or organizations that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals.
- xviii. **Essential Services Necessary to Maintain Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses.** . Businesses or services that supply other Essential Businesses, Essential Government Services, and Critical Infrastructure with the support or supplies needed to operate; including but not limited to mail, shipping and delivery services, warehouse/distribution and fulfillment, storage, moving services, janitorial services, laundry services, computer, audio or video electronics, sanitary equipment, and medical equipment.. To the extent possible, services shall be provided in compliance with Social Distancing Rules attached, including distancing of six feet and routine use of hand sanitizer.
- xix. **Supplies to Work From Home.** Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home.
- xx. **Public and Private Education.** Public and private educational institutions, only for the purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions, provided compliance with the Social Distancing Rules is maintained
- xxi. **News Media.** Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.
- xxii. **Childcare Services.** Childcare facilities providing services or community service providers offering childcare services that enable employees exempted in this Order may operate under the following mandatory conditions:
1. Childcare must be carried out in stable groups of 12 or fewer (“stable” means that the same 12 or fewer children are in the same group each day).
 2. Children shall not change from one group to another.
 3. If more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other.
 4. Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children.
- xxiii. **Animal Care Services.** Animal shelters, veterinary care, and pet food and supply stores. Grooming, if necessary for the health and wellbeing of the animal. Pet daycare, but only for employees of Essential Businesses. To the



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greatest extent possible, all services must be performed in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet.

- xxiv. **Religious and Worship Services.** Religious and worship services may only be provided by audio, video, and teleconference. Religious institutions must limit in-person staff to ten (10) people or less at one time, and twenty-five (25) people total per day, when preparing for or conducting video or teleconference services, and all individuals must follow the Social Distancing Rules including the six feet social distancing.
 - xxv. **Funeral Services.** Funeral, mortuary, cremation, burial, cemetery, and related services, provided that social distancing of six feet per person is maintained to the greatest extent possible.
- c. For purposes of this Order, **Minimum Basic Operations** means the following, provided that employees comply with the Social Distancing Rules:
 - i. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions.
 - ii. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.
3. The Dallas County Sheriff's Office, the Dallas County Fire Marshal's Office, and other peace officers, are hereby authorized to enforce this Order. A violation of this order may be punishable through criminal or civil enforcement. A violation of this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days.
 4. Any manufacturer who retools their business for the purpose of manufacturing and producing ventilators, masks, personal protective equipment, or any supply necessary for Essential Healthcare Operations may apply for an "essential business" exemption under this Order. Submit requests for an exemption to BusinessCOVID19@dallascounty.org.
 5. Under this Order, no person shall sell any of the following goods or services for more than the regular retail price the person charged for the goods or services on March 16, 2020, except where an increased retail price is the result of increased supplier or other costs (including the loss of supplier supporting funds):
 - a. groceries, beverages, toilet articles, and ice;
 - b. restaurant, cafeteria, and boarding-house meals; and
 - c. medicine, pharmaceutical and medical equipment, and supplies.
 6. Grocery stores, supermarkets, warehouse stores, hospitals, and medical facilities are experiencing high levels of demand for a large number of products, requiring more deliveries from manufacturers and distribution centers to serve their customers. A number of Texas cities and local associations have implemented restrictions on delivery hours to stores to mitigate truck noise and traffic. Due to the need to deliver products as quickly and efficiently as possible during this critical timeframe, this Order hereby suspends all delivery hour restrictions for transport to or from any entity involved in the selling or distribution of food products, medicine, or medical supplies in Dallas County for the next 60 days.



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7. Due to increased demand for bath or toilet tissue resulting from stock up buying and individuals who purchase for resale, a mandatory limit on toilet paper sales is instituted until the supply chain meets the demand or two weeks, whichever comes first. All sales of bath or toilet tissue occurring in Dallas County are limited to the greater of: (a) twelve (12) rolls per purchase or (b) one (1) package per purchase.
8. Due to the public health emergency, the Office of the Dallas County Judge hereby advises the Dallas County Justices of the Peace to suspend eviction hearings and writs of possession for at least the next 60 days to prevent renters from being displaced.
9. If someone in a household has tested positive for coronavirus, the household is ordered to isolate at home. Members of the household cannot go to work, school, or any other community function, except for workers included in Essential Healthcare Operations who may continue to work in accordance with CDC guidance.
10. Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities are instructed by this Order to prohibit non-essential visitors from accessing their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or for end-of-life visitation.
11. Public and private schools and institutions of higher education are instructed by this Order to provide a safety plan to Dallas County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management 72 hours before students return to a classroom setting.
12. Additionally, the Office of the Dallas County Judge and the Health Authority instructs all employees to remain at home if sick. Employees of private businesses and nonprofits with six (6) or more employees in the City of Dallas can use their paid sick leave when they are sick or to care for sick family members.
13. This Order shall be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, or until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law.
14. The County of Dallas must promptly provide copies of this Order by posting on the Dallas County Health and Human Services website. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED

**CLAY JENKINS
DALLAS COUNTY JUDGE**



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DCHHS Social Distancing Rules

1) Vulnerable Populations: Limit Outings

- Vulnerable populations include people who are:
 - 60 years old and older.
 - People with certain health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease and weakened immune systems.
- For vulnerable populations, don't go to gatherings unless it is essential. Stay home. Avoid people who are sick.

2) Workplace and Businesses: Minimize Exposure

- Suspend nonessential employee travel.
- Ensure employees practice social distancing and do not work within six feet of one another.
- Urge essential employees to stay home when they are sick and maximize flexibility in sick leave benefits.
- Do not require a doctor's note for employees who are sick.
- Maximize telecommuting options.
- Persons who need to be at work to provide essential services of great benefit to the community must take steps in their workplace to minimize risk.

3) Cancel Non-essential Events

- Cancel non-essential events.
- Do not attend any events or gatherings if sick.
- For events that aren't cancelled, we recommend:
 - Having hand washing capabilities, hand sanitizers and tissues available.
 - Frequently cleaning high touch surface areas like counter tops and hand rails.
 - Finding ways to implement social distancing..

4) Schools: Safety First

- Do not have your child attend school if sick.
- If you have a child with chronic health conditions, consult the child's doctor about school attendance.
- Schools should equip all classrooms with hand sanitizers and tissues.
- Recommend rescheduling or cancelling events that are not essential.
- Explore remote teaching and online options to continue learning.
- Schools should develop a plan for citywide school closures, and families should prepare for further closures.

5) Transit: Cleaning and Protection

- Increase cleaning of vehicles and high touch surface areas.
- Provide hand washing/hand sanitizers and tissues in stations and on vehicles.
- Ensure social distancing practices are implemented to the full extent possible.



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6) Health Care Settings: Avoid as possible, protect the vulnerable

- Long-term care facilities should have a COVID-19 plan in accordance with CDC or state guidelines.
- Long-term care facilities should restrict all visitation except for certain compassionate care situations, such as end of life situations.
- The general public should avoid going to medical settings such as hospitals, nursing homes and long-term care facilities, even if you are not ill.
- If you are ill, call your health care provider ahead of time, and you may be able to be served by phone.
- Do not visit emergency rooms unless it is essential.
- Follow guidance and directions of all facilities.

7) Everyone: Do your part

The best way for all Dallas County residents to reduce their risk of getting sick, as with seasonal colds or the flu, still applies to prevent COVID-19:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Try alternatives to shaking hands, like an elbow bump or wave.
- If you have recently returned from a country, state or region with ongoing COVID-19 infections, monitor your health and follow the instructions of public health officials and CDC guidance.
- There is no recommendation to wear masks at this time to prevent yourself from getting sick.

You can also prepare for the disruption caused by an outbreak. Preparedness actions include:

- Prepare to work from home if that is possible for your job, and your employer.
- Make sure you have a supply of all essential medications for your family.
- Prepare a child care plan if you or a caregiver are sick.
- Make arrangements about how your family will manage school closures.
- Plan for how you can care for a sick family member without getting sick yourself.
- Take care of each other and check in by phone with friends, family and neighbors that are vulnerable to serious illness or death if they get COVID-19.
- Keep common spaces clean to help maintain a healthy environment for you and others. Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned regularly with disinfecting sprays, wipes or common household cleaning products.

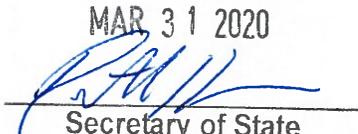


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Secretary of State

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs
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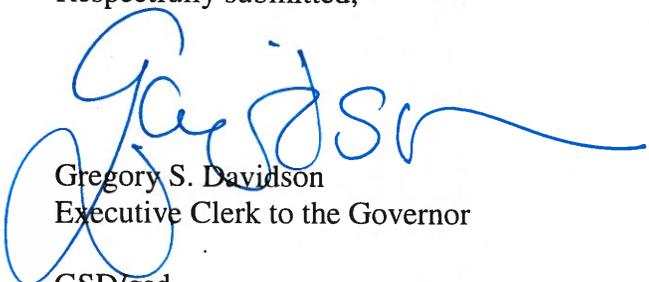
Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-14 relating to statewide continuity of essential services
and activities during the COVID-19 disaster.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

Executive Order

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department
Austin, Texas
March 31, 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER GA 14

*Relating to statewide continuity of essential services and activities
during the COVID-19 disaster.*

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Dr. John Hellerstedt, has determined that COVID-19 represents a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, I have issued numerous executive orders and suspensions of Texas laws in response to the COVID-19 disaster, aimed at protecting the health and safety of Texans and ensuring an effective response to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order GA-08 on March 19, 2020, mandating certain obligations for Texans in accordance with the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, as promulgated by President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on March 16, 2020, which called upon Americans to take actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 for 15 days; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order GA-08 is subject to expiration at 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, absent further action by the governor; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020, to avoid scenarios that could lead to hundreds of thousands of deaths, the President announced that, based on advice from Dr. Anthony Fauci and Dr. Deborah Birx, the restrictive social-distancing Guidelines should extend through April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, DSHS Commissioner Dr. Hellerstedt and White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator Dr. Birx say that the spread of COVID-19 can be reduced by minimizing social gatherings; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 2.0, which provides an advisory list of critical-infrastructure sectors, workers, and functions that should continue during the COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, for state agencies and their employees and agents, the Office of the Attorney General of Texas has advised that local restrictions issued in response to the COVID-19 disaster do not apply to restrict the conduct of state business; and

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WHEREAS, all government entities and businesses should be allowed to continue providing essential services during the COVID-19 disaster, and all critical infrastructure should be allowed to remain operational; and

WHEREAS, the “governor is responsible for meeting ... the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters” under Section 418.011 of the Texas Government Code, and the legislature has given the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility; and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.012, the “governor may issue executive orders ... hav[ing] the force and effect of law;” and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.016(a), the “governor may suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business ... if strict compliance with the provisions ... would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with a disaster;” and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.017(a), the “governor may use all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with a disaster;” and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.018(c), the “governor may control ingress and egress to and from a disaster area and the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in the area;” and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.173, failure to comply with any executive order issued during the COVID-19 disaster is an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both fine and confinement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby order the following on a statewide basis effective 12:01 a.m. on April 2, 2020, and continuing through April 30, 2020, subject to extension based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC and the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

In accordance with guidance from DSHS Commissioner Dr. Hellerstedt, and to achieve the goals established by the President to reduce the spread of COVID-19, every person in Texas shall, except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services, minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household.

“Essential services” shall consist of everything listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 2.0, plus religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship. Other essential services may be added to this list with the approval of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). TDEM shall maintain an online list of essential services, as specified in this executive order and in any approved additions. Requests for additions should be directed to TDEM at EssentialServices@tdem.texas.gov or by visiting www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices.

In providing or obtaining essential services, people and businesses should follow the Guidelines from the President and the CDC by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation, implementing social distancing, and working from home if possible. In particular, all services should be provided through remote telework from

home unless they are essential services that cannot be provided through remote telework. If religious services cannot be conducted from home or through remote services, they should be conducted consistent with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation, and by implementing social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms, massage establishments, tattoo studios, piercing studios, or cosmetology salons; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options for food and drinks is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.

This executive order does not prohibit people from accessing essential services or engaging in essential daily activities, such as going to the grocery store or gas station, providing or obtaining other essential services, visiting parks, hunting or fishing, or engaging in physical activity like jogging or bicycling, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and to minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household.

In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance as determined through guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall remain temporarily closed to in-person classroom attendance and shall not recommence before May 4, 2020.

This executive order shall supersede any conflicting order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster, but only to the extent that such a local order restricts essential services allowed by this executive order or allows gatherings prohibited by this executive order. I hereby suspend Sections 418.1015(b) and 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 81, Subchapter E of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and any other relevant statutes, to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not impose restrictions inconsistent with this executive order, provided that local officials may enforce this executive order as well as local restrictions that are consistent with this executive order.

This executive order supersedes Executive Order GA-08, but not Executive Orders GA-09, GA-10, GA-11, GA-12, or GA-13, and shall remain in effect and in full force until April 30, 2020, unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor.



Given under my hand this the 31st day of
March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

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ATTESTED BY:



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