

Office of the Mayor City of Cleburne, Texas

ORDER No. 9

WHEREAS, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state, declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas and issuing Executive Orders to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, I, Scott Cain, the Mayor of the City of Cleburne has determined that extraordinary 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 COVID-19, and to protect or rehabilitate property; and

WHEREAS, I, Scott Cain, the Mayor of the City of Cleburne issued a Declaration of Local Disaster on March 13, 2020 and City Council on March 13, 2020, approved Resolution No. RS03-2020-32 extending the Declaration of Local Disaster to March 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on March 24, 2020, approved Resolution No. RS03-2020-35 extending the Declaration of Local Disaster to April 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on April 14, 2020, approved Resolution No. RS04-2020-45 extending the Declaration of Local Disaster to April 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on April 28, 2020, approved Resolution No. RS04-2020-49 extending the Declaration of Local Disaster to May 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleburne's Emergency Management Plan is activated; and

WHEREAS, I hereby issue this Order No. 9 to replace all prior Orders to ensure the protection of the general public in the City of Cleburne.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF CLEBURNE, TEXAS:

- 1. That the following Orders shall supplement my March 13, 2020 Declaration and replaces any prior order given thereto and shall remain in effect through May 12, 2020, unless continued or renewed by the City Council, or modified by further Order.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this Order shall be attached to and made part of the Declaration of Disaster and filed promptly with the City Secretary, and shall be given prompt and general publicity.
- 3. Pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, this Order authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress disease and fining those who do not comply with the City's rules.
- 4. <u>Governor's Executive Order.</u> Per the Governor of the State of Texas every individual, business, house of worship, organization and group shall comply as applicable with Executive Order GA-18 and associated guidelines, as may be amended.
 - a. Executive Order GA-18: https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-18 expanded reopening of services COVID-19.pdf
 - b. Open Texas Report: https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Report.pdf
 - c. Texas Department of State Health Services Guidelines for Opening the State of Texas:
 - https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx
 - d. Guidance for Houses of Worship During the COVID-19 Crisis: https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/images/admin/2020/Press/Third%20Revised%20AG%20Guidance%20for%20Houses%20of%20Worship%20During%20the%20COVID-19%20Crisis%20-%20Final.pdf
 - e. U.S. Department of Homeland Security Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce (latest version):

 https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Version_3.0_CISA_Guidance-on_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workers_2.pdf
 - f. CDC Guidance Documents:
 https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/guidance-list.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc
- 5. <u>Public Areas Closed</u>. This Order authorizes the City Manager to close any public area or facility as needed to promote the health and safety of the community and protect the wellbeing of city employees.

- 6. <u>Groceries and Supplies</u>. This Order requires all public facilities providing groceries, home improvement items, animal and household supplies, or pharmaceutical supplies to:
 - (a) provide hand sanitizer at all entry points;
 - (b) provide a process to sanitize and wipe down all grocery carts and baskets, which are then to be distributed to customers in a controlled area(s):
 - (c) post signage at all parking lot cart gathering locations instructing customers to only use sanitized carts and baskets being distributed at the controlled area(s) of the store;
 - (d) enact and ensure social distancing for all customers at entry points, checkout lines and all other areas both inside and outside the facility at all times including prior to opening times;
 - (e) post a list of all reasonable limits of purchases at all entry points;
- 7. Events Prohibited. That this Order prohibits all events, public or private that conflict with the Executive Orders of the Governor or fail to comply with the Guidelines from the President and CDC for events and mass gatherings.
- 8. <u>Positive Test Result.</u> If someone in a household has tested positive for coronavirus, the household is instructed to isolate at home and follow the orders of City health officials until such time as otherwise directed.
- 9. <u>Enforcement</u>. That this Order hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools to carry out this order including a fine of up to \$1,000.00 and imprisonment of up to 180 days for each violation.
- 10. <u>Recommendations</u>. That this Order sets forth strong recommendations, attached hereto, for the purpose of mitigating the spread of COVID-19.
- 11. That this Order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m., April 29, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 28th day of April 2020.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this city to be affixed.

CITY OF CLEBURNE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MITIGATING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

The City of Cleburne strongly recommends, as may be applicable, the following for <u>Grocery</u> <u>Stores and Home Improvement and Supply stores</u>:

- 1) Establish clear barriers, such as plexiglass, between the checkout clerks and the customers.
- 2) Encourage the use of drive-thru, curbside, or delivery services.
- 3) Partner with churches who can shop for, pick-up and/or deliver groceries to the elderly and those with underlying health conditions.
- 4) Encourage customers to not purchase more than they need and consider placing limits on certain items (see suggested list below) to ensure fair and equitable distribution.
- 5) Provide dedicated shopping times for those who are over the age of 60, handicapped persons who need assistance shopping, and one caregiver.
- 6) Reduce number of shoppers inside of the store at any given time.

The City of Cleburne strongly recommends, as may be applicable, the following for <u>individuals</u>:

- 1) Individuals are encouraged when outside of the house to practice social distancing where feasible, and when impracticable take additional measures such as wearing appropriate face coverings.
- 2) Perform frequent hygiene practices such as washing of the hands.
- 3) Use a common sense approach to take precautions for yourself and those around you.

The City of Cleburne strongly recommends, as may be applicable, the following for businesses:

4) At a minimum, follow the various Guidelines from the Governor's Executive Order as detailed in the above publications.