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CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS
MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

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

WHEREAS, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, stating that extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Crockett, I, as Mayor of the City of Crockett, issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster for the City of Crockett, Texas; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order No. GA-18, relating to the safe, strategic reopening of select services as the first step to open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has authorized partial reopening of retail services that are not essential services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS THAT THE CITIZENS SHALL COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES ONLY:

SECTION 1. A local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Crockett, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency

shall continue for a period of seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Crockett, Texas emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 5. This declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules, pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 6. In accordance with guidance from DSHS Commissioner Dr. Hellerstedt, and to achieve the goals established by the United States Government to reduce the spread of COVID-19, every person in the City of Crockett shall, except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services or reopened services, minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household. People over the age of 65, however, are strongly encouraged to stay at home as much as possible; to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous 14 days; and, if leaving the home, to implement social distancing and to practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitization.

"Essential services" shall consist of everything listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 3.0 or any subsequent version, 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 maintains an online list of essential services, as specified in this executive order and any approved additions. Request for additions should be directed to TDEM at EssentialServices@tdem.texas.gov or by visiting the TDEM website at www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices.

"Total Listed Occupancy" means the occupancy load issued by the Fire Marshal at the establishment's last fire inspection. If an establishment has not been issued an occupancy load, it must contact the Fire Marshal and receive an occupancy load from him.

"Reopened services" shall consist of the following to the extent they are not already "essential services:"

1. Retail services that may be provided through pickup, delivery by mail, or delivery to the customer's doorstep.

2. Starting at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2020:

- (a) In-store retail services, for retail establishments that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the retail establishment.
- (b) Dine-in restaurant services, for restaurants that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the restaurant; provided, however, that (a) this applies only to restaurants that have less than 51 percent of their gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages and are therefore not required to post the 51 percent sign required by Texas law as determined by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, and (b) valet services are prohibited except for vehicles with placards or plates for disabled parking.
- (c) Movie theaters that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of any individual theater for any screening.
- (d) Shopping malls that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the shopping mall; provided, however, that within shopping malls, the food-court dining areas, play areas, and interactive displays and settings must remain closed.
- (e) Museums and libraries that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy; provided, however, that any components of museums or libraries that have interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas, must remain closed.
- (f) Services provided by an individual working alone in an office.

- (g) Golf course operations.
- (h) Local government operations, including county and municipal governmental operations relating to permitting, recordation, and document-filing services.
- (i) Such additional services as may be enumerated by future executive orders or proclamations by the governor.

The conditions and limitations set forth above for reopened services shall not apply to essential services. In providing or obtaining essential services or reopened services, people and businesses should follow the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS, found at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus, and should implement social distancing, and working from home if possible, and practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation. This includes also following, to the extent not inconsistent with the DSHS minimum standards, the Guidelines from the United States Government and the CDC, as well as other CDC recommendations. Individuals are encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings, but the City will not impose a civil or criminal penalty for failure to wear a face covering.

Religious services should be conducted in accordance with the joint guidance issued and updated by the attorney general and governor.

People shall avoid visiting bars, gyms, public swimming pools, interactive amusement venues such as bowling alleys and video arcades, massage establishments, tattoo studios, piercing studios, or cosmetology salons. The use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options for food and drinks remains allowed and highly encouraged through the limited duration of this execution order.

This executive order does not prohibit people from accessing essential or reopened services or engaging in essential daily activities, such as going to the grocery store or gas station, providing or obtaining other essential or reopened services, visiting parks, hunting or fishing, or engaging in physical activity like jogging, bicycling, or other outdoor sports, 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 United States Government 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 (HHSC). Nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, and long-term care facilities should follow infection control policies and practices set forth by the HHSC, including minimizing the movement of staff between facilities wherever possible.

In accordance with the Guidelines from the United States Government and the CDC, schools shall remain temporarily closed to in-person classroom attendance by students and shall not recommence before the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Public education teachers and staff are encouraged to continue to work remotely from home if possible, but may return to schools to conduct remote video instruction, as well as perform administrative duties, under the strict terms required by the Texas Education Agency. Private schools and institutions of higher education should establish similar terms to allow teachers and staff to return to schools to conduct remote video instruction and perform administrative duties when it is not possible to do so remotely from home.

SECTION 7. In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days, or both.

SECTION 8. This declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 9. This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 29th day of April, 2020, at _____ p.m.



DR. IANTHIA FISHER, MAYOR