

## ORDER NUMBER 4 BY THE MAYOR OF GOLIAD, TEXAS

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, a Declaration of State of Disaster was issued by Governor Abbott to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans; and

WHEREAS, On March 18, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster was issued by the Mayor to allow the City of Goliad to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of Goliad residents utilizing state and federal resources made available with this declaration; and

WHEREAS, the CDC and other respected health organizations recommends following the social distancing actions attached to this Order, including cancelling, postponing, or not attending events or community gatherings with more than 10 people. In addition, it is urged that individuals who are at the highest risk from COVID-19, as determined and defined by the CDC, to not attend and to avoid community gatherings or events that will have or will likely have more than 10 people.

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Governor Abbott issued four orders to support his initial declaration, including avoiding social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people; avoiding eating and drinking in bars, restaurants and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors (drive-thrus and deliveries excepted); not allowing visits to nursing homes or retirement or long term care facilities; and closing of schools. These orders will be effective on a statewide basis starting at 11:59 PM on March 20, 2020 and will end at 11:59 PM on April 3, 2020, subject to extension thereafter based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC.

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, Governor Abbott issued an additional Executive Order No. GA-14, that supersedes his order GA-08 and extends the social distancing until April 30, 2020 and closure of the schools until May 4, 2020, and requires that all individuals except where required to provide those essential services identified by TDEM or U.S. Department of Homeland Security to minimize social gatherings and in-person contact; those who are required to provide essential services shall follow the President's and CDC's hygiene guidelines and are encouraged where able, to provide such services remotely; that all individuals shall avoid eating out, but may have take-out or drive-thru; shall stay away from nursing homes; but may access essential services while practicing the necessary precautions.

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2020, Mayor Trudia Preston issued Order No. 3 that modified and added to prior orders to encourage specific hygiene guidelines, shelter in place, curfew and dealt with city employees. Since that time, information and guidance has been provided that require such Order be modified further in the areas of hygiene as well as penalties.

## NOW THEREFORE, I, TRUDIA PRESTON, MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF GOLIAD, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

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

SECTION 2. Effective as of 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, and continuing until May 13, 2020, unless terminated or modified by the City Council, the Mayor of the City of Goliad, Texas, deems it in the public interest to *require* residents of the City of Goliad to:

- a. Shelter in Place;
- b. Wear masks when in public;
- c. Respect a citywide curfew from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. unless an individual is an essential business employee; or
- d. Practice and adhere to federal social distancing guidelines.

SECTION 3. In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates any declaration, ordinance, order or proclamation issued by the Mayor under Chapter 418, Government Code, or the emergency management plan, 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. The Mayor hereby authorizes the City's Code Enforcement Officer to assist the Fire Chief/Fire Marshal's Office and other peace officers in enforcement of such declaration, ordinance, order or proclamation issued by the Mayor or the City Council.

SECTION 4: Goliad will post this Order on its 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

SO ORDERED this the 15th day of April, 2020, in the City of Goliad, Texas.

ATTEST:

Kandi Hubert, City Secretary

City of Goliad, Texas

Trudia Preston, Mayor

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