

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-15

**CITY OF LEVELLAND, TEXAS
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER ORDER NO. 3
SAFELY OPENING LEVELLAND**

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread and to pose an increasing, imminent threat of disaster throughout City of Levelland and beyond; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Levelland, Barbra Pinner, declared a local state of disaster for public health emergency pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, based upon the need for extraordinary measures to contain COVID-19 and to prevent its spread throughout the City of Levelland; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Levelland issued a Declaration of Local Disaster Order No. 2 - Stay at Home, approved via Resolution No. 2020-14 on April 6, 2020 to help further contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Levelland and extending the Mayor's Declaration of a Local State of Disaster until 11:59 p.m. on April 30th; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas renewed his state-wide disaster proclamation for an additional thirty (30) days, certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-18, effective until 11:59 p.m. on May 15th, superseding Executive Order GA-16, expanding the reopening of services as part of the Governor's safe, strategic plan to Open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster allowing for the re-opening of businesses throughout Texas under certain terms and conditions while still emphasizing certain precautionary measures like social distancing, limiting social gatherings and strongly encouraging people over the age of 65 to stay at home as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, the United States President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have issued guidelines for *Opening Up America Again* providing guidance on safely opening up American business and society that continues to emphasize minimizing travel, maximizing social distancing and avoiding socializing in groups of more than ten (10) people; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Levelland has determined that due to the issuance of Executive Order GA-18, it is necessary to replace Declaration of Local Disaster Order No. 2 - Stay at Home, approved via Resolution No. 2020-14 on April 6, 2020, to conform to Executive Order GA-18 and to further contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Levelland while re-opening businesses and services;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEVELLAND, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The recitals outlined above are found to be true and correct and are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. All terms and conditions of Declaration of Local Disaster Order No. 2 - Stay at Home, approved via Resolution No. 2020-14 on April 6, 2020, are replaced and supplanted in their entirety by this Declaration of Local Disaster Order No. 3. All other terms and conditions of the Mayoral Declaration of Local Disaster, which was signed and executed by the Mayor on March 19, 2020, renewed and extended by City Council Resolution 2020-09 and the additional terms and conditions found in Resolution 2020-09, remain in full force and effect and are continued to the extent they do not directly conflict with this Order No. 3.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Mayor under Texas Government Code Chapter 418 and by the general authority granted to home-rule municipalities under Texas Health and Safety Code § 122.006, the following is hereby ordered:

a. **SAFELY OPENING LEVELLAND – ADOPTION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER GA-18**

The Governor's Executive Order GA-18 is hereby adopted by reference and is incorporated herein as though set forth fully herein. Additionally, the guidelines and recommendations outlined in the Governor's Report to Open Texas, entitled *Texans Helping Texans*, dated April 27, 2020, is also adopted, to the extent it does not conflict with this Order No. 3, and all businesses, religious institutions and citizens are encouraged to review and follow said guidelines.

b. **SOCIAL CONTACT AND GATHERINGS**

i. All persons residing in the City of Levelland 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. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, individuals 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;

ii. All public and private gatherings of more than ten (10) people occurring outside of a single household are prohibited, except as otherwise provided in this Order. Nothing in this Order prohibits gatherings of members of a single household or living unit (an apartment for use by one family); and

iii. Travel away from a person's regular place of residence should be limited only for the purpose of obtaining essential goods and services, goods and services of a reopened business or to the person's place of employment otherwise provided for in this Order. Further, when obtaining goods or services, only those individuals absolutely necessary to obtain such goods or services should travel away from the place of residence.

c. **SICK INDIVIDUALS**

i. Any person who is sick or currently experiencing common COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, cough, or shortness of breath, is hereby ordered to STAY AT HOME until such time that:

A. He or she has had no fever for at least 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine, such as Tylenol; and

B. His or her other symptoms have improved; and

C. At least 14 days have passed since the symptoms first appeared.

ii. If any person in a household has tested positive for COVID-19, all persons in the household are hereby ordered to STAY AT HOME and self-quarantine for a period of at least 14 days. Members of the household may not travel to work, school, or anywhere else until cleared by a medical professional.

iii. This Order does not prohibit any person from leaving his or her residence to seek necessary medical or emergency care.

d. CITIZENS OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE

All persons residing in the City of Levelland over the age of 65 are strongly encouraged to STAY AT HOME or at their current place of residence as much as possible and to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous fourteen (14) days. For purposes of this Order, "residence" includes hotels, motels, shared rentals, and similar facilities. If it is necessary to leave the residence, all persons should practice social distancing, good hygiene, environmental cleanliness and sanitation.

e. SPECIFIC CLOSURES

In accordance with the Guidelines from the Governor, the President and the CDC, the following commercial businesses, for which social distancing guidelines are impractical or impossible, remain closed:

i. Hair salons, barbershops, hair stylists, nail salons, tattoo parlors, piercing businesses, tanning salons, cosmetology salons and hair removal waxing businesses;

ii. Commercial Amusement and Entertainment Venues such as bowling alleys, video arcades and game rooms;

f. ESSENTIAL SERVICES

The following businesses are hereby deemed essential and may continue to operate, provided federal and CDC guidelines are followed, including affirmative steps to ensure that social distancing of 6 feet is maintained:

i. Grocery Stores, Convenience Stores, Drug Stores, Pharmacies, and Package Stores;

ii. Pet Supply Stores, Veterinary Clinics, and Boarding Kennels (but not groomers);

iii. Healthcare Providers and Healthcare Facilities, including doctor and dental offices, physical therapists, hospitals, and clinics;

iv. Vehicle Fueling, Maintenance, and Repair Facilities;

v. Banks and Financial Institutions

vi. Agricultural services including plant and food cultivation, farming, fishing and raising livestock;

vii. Oil and gas services and production;

viii. Professional Services, including attorneys, accountants, engineers, title companies, insurance agents, and other licensed professionals;

ix. Office Buildings, where people work in individual enclosed spaces in groups of 10 or less;

- x. Day Care Facilities;
- xi. Homeless Shelters providing services for people experiencing homelessness;
- xii. Non-profit Providers of Essential Services;
- xiii. Essential Government Services and Facilities;
- xiv. Residential Buildings, including hotels and motels (except Group Meeting and Event Spaces);
- xv. Transit Facilities, where people may be in transit or waiting for transit, such as airports, bus stops, or bus stations;
- xvi. Manufacturing, Distribution, and Logistics Facilities;
- xvii. Laundromats and Dry Cleaners;
- xviii. Call Centers;
- xix. Critical Infrastructure Businesses which support critical infrastructure or supply chain needs, as described by the Cyber & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) or as listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 3.0.

g. RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Religious services conducted in churches, congregations and houses of worship are considered essential. Religious institutions, churches and places of worship are encouraged to conduct as many of their activities including their services from home or through remote audio or video services. All religious services conducted at the religious institution, church or place of worship must 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. Additionally, all religious services conducted at the religious institution, church or place of worship are strongly encouraged to implement and follow the guidelines outlined in the Governor's Report to Open Texas, entitled *Texans Helping Texans*, dated April 27, 2020. All staff and employees are required to adhere to federal and CDC guidelines, including affirmative steps to ensure that social distancing of 6 feet is maintained. The provisions outlined in this section apply to funeral services, burials, and memorials.

h. RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS – OTHER BUSINESSES

Retail Establishments and other businesses not specifically described above "Essential" or otherwise prohibited may re-open at 12:01 a.m. on May 1, 2020 in accordance with the provisions and conditions outlined in the Governor's Executive Order GA-18. All businesses, employees, customers and patrons must adhere to the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation, and by implementing social distancing of 6 feet and are strongly encouraged to implement and follow the guidelines outlined in the Governor's Report to Open Texas, entitled *Texans Helping Texans*, dated April 27, 2020. Additionally, the use of drive through pickup, delivery, and curb-side delivery for merchandise, if possible, is highly encouraged. For clarification purposes, the following businesses and services are reopened:

- i. In-store retail services, for retail establishments that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the retail establishment;

- ii. Dine-in restaurant services, for restaurants that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the restaurant (excluding bars);
- iii. Movie theaters that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of any individual theater for any screening;
- iv. 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;
- v. Museums and libraries that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy; provided, however, any components of museums or libraries that have interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas, must remain closed; and
- vi. Services provided by an individual working alone in an office.

i. PUBLIC PARKS AND GOLF COURSES

i. Outdoor sporting activities are permitted so long as they are non-contact and there are no more than four (4) participants in the sporting activity. Subject to the social gathering limitations outlined in this Order No. 3, public parks including walking trails, bike paths, playgrounds and other open areas are open to the public and may be used by the public so long as patrons follow federal and CDC guidelines including ensuring that social distancing of 6 feet is maintained. Public swimming pools remain closed.

ii. The Levelland Country Club golf course remains open so long as individuals either walk the course or ride in a golf cart by themselves and so long as patrons follow federal and CDC guidelines including ensuring that social distancing of 6 feet is maintained. Anyone riding in a golf cart is encouraged to only ride with someone who is a member of their household. The club house, pro shop, locker room or any other building or facility located on a golf course normally utilized by the public must limit occupancy to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy.

j. SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE – HEALTH OCCUPATIONS CLASSES

Due to the fact that certain Career and Technology Education programs including programs for health professionals, first responders, transportation, and critical infrastructure technicians that require hands-on instruction, are considered essential services by the Texas Department of Emergency Management, South Plains College is permitted to hold health occupation classes in accordance with the *Health Occupations Phase in Plan* submitted to the Mayor of Levelland on April 27, 2020 by the President of South Plains College and adopted herein by reference.

k. NURSING HOMES – REMAIN CLOSED TO OUTSIDE VISITORS

In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC and Executive Order GA-18, 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 shall follow infection control policies and practices set forth by the HHSC, including minimizing the movement of staff between facilities whenever possible.

l. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

i. The Mayor may require additional sanitation, signage, and social distancing practices for any business which remains open.

ii. For any workplace that remains open, management of the business should facilitate and encourage practicing social distancing and good hygiene and, where feasible, require employees to work from home in order to achieve optimum isolation from COVID-19; and

iii. The Mayor may update the restrictions set out in this Order as necessary to respond to the evolving circumstances of this outbreak during the duration of the Mayoral Declaration of Local Disaster issued on March 19, 2020 and extended by the City Council of the City of Levelland.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this Order shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary of the City of Levelland.

SECTION 5. In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, this resolution and order is being issued in City of Levelland's Emergency Management Plan and any person who knowingly or intentionally violates this resolution 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.

SECTION 6. This Order shall go into effect at 12:01 a.m., Friday, May 1, 2020 and continue until 11:59 p.m., Friday, May 15, 2020, unless renewed, extended, amended or cancelled by the Mayor or City Council of the City of Levelland.

SECTION 7. That this resolution and order authorizes the Mayor, pursuant to applicable provisions of Texas Government Code Chapter 418 and Texas Health and Safety Code § 122.006, on behalf of the City of Levelland, 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, enforcing applicable orders issued by the Hockley County Judge, the Governor of the State of Texas or the Texas Department of State Health Services related to suppressing the COVID-19 virus, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules and directives.

SECTION 8. That to the extent permitted by law, any local ordinance or administrative rule prescribing the procedures for conduct of City business or any local ordinance or administrative rule that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster, including any local ordinance or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement which would impede the City's emergency response necessary to cope with this declared disaster, are hereby suspended, but only for the duration of this declared local disaster and only for that limited purpose.

SECTION 9. That to the extent this Order conflicts with the Governor's Executive Order GA-18 regarding the regulation of essential business and services, Executive Order GA-18 controls and the Mayor may comport and amend this Order and any subsequent order to be consistent with Executive Order GA-18.

SECTION 10. That the Mayor is authorized to use all available resources of the City of Levelland reasonably necessary to comply with this resolution.

Passed and approved this 30 day of APRIL, 2020.



Barbra Pinner

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth A. Walls

Beth A. Walls, TRMC, IPMA-HR SCP
City Secretary