

**FIRST AMENDED ORDER REGARDING
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GATHERINGS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus and on March 11, 2020, was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor of the State of Texas, on March 13, 2020 certified that COVID-19 posed an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in Texas in accordance with the authority vested to the Governor in Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code; and

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

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised that person-to-person contact heightens the risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, as promulgated by President Donald J. Trump and the CDC on March 16, 2020, call upon Americans to slow the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people, using drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options at restaurants and bars, and avoiding visitation at nursing homes, among other steps; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of State Health Services has now determined that, as of March 19, 2020, COVID-19 represents a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued Executive Order GA08 relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation on March 19, 2020, further restricting the assembly of people in groups larger than 10, restricting the public from entering certain enumerated establishments, and restricting visitations to certain facilities in most circumstances (a copy of Executive Order GA08 is appended hereto); and

WHEREAS, to conform to these new directives issued by Governor Abbott, the Mayor of the City of Beeville and the County Judge of Bee County have determined that it is in the best interest of our community to amend their Joint Declaration of Local State of Disaster and Order Regarding Public and Private Gatherings for Public Health and Safety issued at noon on March 17, 2020 (the "Joint Declaration"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BEEVILLE AND BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF BEE COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION I

That the recitals set forth in this Declaration are true and correct and in accordance with Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, a state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Beeville and for Bee County, Texas.

SECTION II

That the local state of disaster proclaimed for the City of Beeville and Bee County, Texas on March 17, 2020, shall continue for a consecutive period not to exceed seven days pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION III

Effective at 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2020, and continuing until noon on March 24, 2020 (being 7 days from the date of the original Joint Declaration), unless sooner extended, modified, amended, rescinded or superseded by order of the respective governing bodies of the City of Beeville and of Bee County, the Orders set out in Executive Order GA08 are adopted without exception and will be enforced as the orders of the City of Beeville and Bee County.

SECTION IV

A violation of this order is a violation of the emergency management plans of the City and

County. A person who violates any provision of this order may be punishable by a fine of up to \$500 per violation and additional amounts as authorized by law.

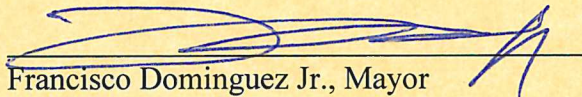
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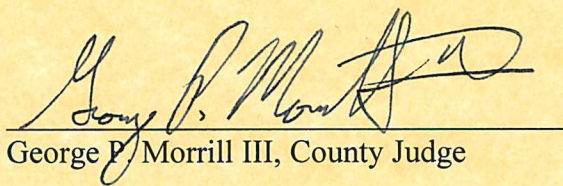
All Beeville and Bee County officials and employees are authorized to do any and all things necessary or convenient to accomplish the purpose of this Order.

SECTION VI


This First Amended Order supersedes all previous orders on this matter that are in conflict or inconsistent with its terms.

ORDERED this the 19th day of March, 2020.


Francisco Dominguez Jr., Mayor


George P. Morrill III, County Judge

ATTEST:


Gabriela Hernandez, City Secretary


Nickelle Clark Gonzales, County Clerk




GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

March 19, 2020

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
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11:59 AM O'CLOCK

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

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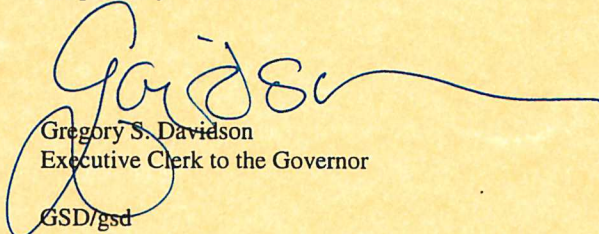
Dear Secretary Hughs:

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

Executive Order No. GA-08 relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor
GSD/gsd

Attachment

Executive Order

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department
Austin, Texas
March 19, 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER
GA 08

Relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised that person-to-person contact heightens the risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, as promulgated by President Donald J. Trump and the CDC on March 16, 2020, call upon Americans to slow the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people, using drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options at restaurants and bars, and avoiding visitation at nursing homes, among other steps; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of State Health Services has now determined that, as of March 19, 2020, COVID-19 represents a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, "[t]he governor is responsible for meeting . . . the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters" (Section 418.001 of the Texas Government Code), and the legislature has given the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility.

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 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to extension thereafter based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC:

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- Order No. 1 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
- Order No. 2 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 or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.
- Order No. 3 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
- Order No. 4 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close.

This executive order does not prohibit people from visiting a variety of places, including grocery stores, gas stations, parks, and banks, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. This executive order does not mandate sheltering in place. All critical infrastructure will remain operational, domestic travel will remain unrestricted, and government entities and businesses will continue providing essential services. For offices and workplaces that remain open, employees should practice good hygiene and, where feasible, work from home in order to achieve optimum isolation from COVID-19. The more that people reduce their public contact, the sooner COVID-19 will be contained and the sooner this executive order will expire.

This executive order supersedes all previous orders on this matter that are in conflict or inconsistent with its terms, and this order shall remain in effect and in full force until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to being extended, modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by me or by a succeeding governor.



Given under my hand this the
19th day of March, 2020.

Handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

Handwritten signature of Ruth R. Hughs in black ink.

RUTH R. HUGHS
Secretary of State

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