



STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF JASPER

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**JASPER COUNTY CURFEW ORDER**

**IN EFFECT AS OF AUGUST 27TH, 2020, AT 9:00 P.M. CST UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

I, Mark W. Allen, County Judge of Jasper County, Texas, pursuant to the Disaster Declaration issued on August 24, 2020 in response to imminent threat to Jasper County caused by Hurricane Laura, and the authority granted to me under Section 418.108(f) and (g), Local Government Code, do hereby enter this mandatory curfew order for all persons within Jasper County, Texas. This Order is to be effective August 27, 2020, at 9:00 p.m. CST. Any violation of this Order shall be punishable as a Class C Misdemeanor. This Order shall remain in effect until terminated.

During this curfew it will be unlawful for any person to be outside the confines of his or her residence property, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., until this Order is terminated except as allowed by exemptions herein.

**Persons who are exempted:**

Persons involved in an "EMERGENCY" which means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action. The term includes, but is not limited to, a fire, natural disaster, an automobile accident, or any situation requiring immediate action to prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life;

Persons involved in travel and persons traveling to or from an airport and who are in possession of a boarding pass for a flight from that airport;

Persons engaged in an employment activity, or going to or returning home from employment activity, without any detour or stop;

Persons authorized and engaged with assisting in the protection of the health, safety or welfare of the public;

Those employees of utility companies, utility contractors, debris removal contractors, construction contractors and their support personnel who are essential for and who are actively involved in the repair of utility infrastructure and the restoration of electrical service, water, and sewer service. This exemption applies only during times such employees are actively engaged in their work and in traveling to and from work without any detour or stop.

**Enforcement:**

Before taking any enforcement action under this section, a law enforcement officer shall ask the apparent offender's reason for being away from his or her residence. The officer shall not issue a citation under this section unless the officer reasonably believes that an offense has occurred and that, based on any response and other circumstances, no exemption applies.

**Penalties:**

A person who violates this Order is guilty of a separate offense for each day or part of a day during which the violation is committed or continued. Each offense, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

**ORDERED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

A handwritten signature of Mark W. Allen is written over a horizontal line. The signature is in black ink and is somewhat stylized.

Mark W. Allen, County Judge  
Jasper County, Texas