



VOLUNTARY SHELTER IN PLACE AND MANDATORY CURFEW

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

WHEREAS, as of March 30, 2020, the number of confirmed cases continue to rise in Matagorda County; and

WHEREAS the County Judge has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to save lives, prevent injuries, protect property, and preserve the public health and environment; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code authorizes the County Judge to issue orders to protect the public and preserve public health; and

WHEREAS Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code further authorizes the County Judge to control ingress and egress from a disaster area within the County and authorizes the County Judge to control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in the County

NOW THEREFORE, I, COUNTY JUDGE HERE BY FIND AND ORDER:

SECTION 1. That there is an imminent danger to the County caused by COVID-19.

SECTION 2. That it is necessary to limit the interaction of people amid this pandemic by issuing Voluntary Shelter-In Place Order to preserve life and mitigate the damage that will be caused by the continued spread of COVID-19 thereby and to protect the public's health, safety and welfare.

2.1 The intent of a Voluntary Shelter In Place Order is to ensure that the maximum number of people voluntarily self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling essential services to continue, to slow the spread of COVID-19.

2.2 Voluntarily self-isolation involves remaining at your place of residence and only leaving the residence for essential activities, essential government functions or to operate essential businesses.

2.3 Essential Activities include:

2.3.1 Tasks essential to your health and safety or to the health and safety of family or household members (including, but not limited to, pets), such as, by way of example only, obtaining medical supplies, medication, visit health professional or obtaining supplies to work at home. To obtain necessary supplies for themselves, family, household members, or those in need, such as, by way of example, canned food, dry goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats and other household consumer products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences.

2.3.2 To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business as defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cyber-Infrastructure located at www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19.

2.3.3 To care for a family member or pet in another household.

SECTION 3. That it is necessary to establish a CURFEW. All individuals age seventeen (17) and under shall be at their residences between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. The CURFEW shall be effective March 30, 2020 for the duration of this declared disaster due to COVID-19.


SECTION 4. That the failure to obey this ORDER may result in a criminal penalty of a \$200 fine, as provided by Matagorda County's Emergency Management Plan.

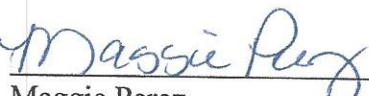
SECTION 5. That this Declaration shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk and shall be given prompt and general publicity;

SECTION 6. That this Declaration shall take effect immediately at 1:30 P.M. on Monday, March 30, 2020.

DECLARED this the 30th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:


Nate McDonald
Matagorda County Judge


Maggie Perez
Matagorda County Deputy Clerk