

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ORDER

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, on March 17, 2020, the County Judge, with the Mayor of the City of Beeville, issued a Joint Declaration of Local State of Disaster and Order Regarding Public and Private Gatherings for Public Health and Safety for Bee County; 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, on March 19, 2020, the County Judge, with the Mayor of the City of Beeville, issued a First Amended Order Regarding Public and Private Gatherings for Public Health and Safety for Bee County, in which the original order limiting mass gatherings of people was amended to conform to Executive Order GA08;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF BEE COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION I

That the state of disaster proclaimed for Bee County, Texas, by the County Judge on

March 17, 2020, shall continue until terminated by order of Commissioners' Court.

SECTION II

The First Amended Order shall continue until terminated by order of Commissioners' Court.

SECTION III

A person shall not sell any of the following goods or services for more than the price the person charged for the goods or services on March 17, 2020: (a) groceries, (b) beverages, (c) toiletries, (d) paper products, and (e) medicines, medical equipment and supplies; and

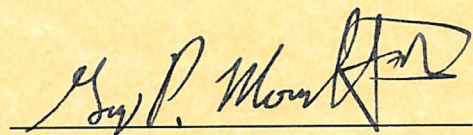
SECTION IV

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.

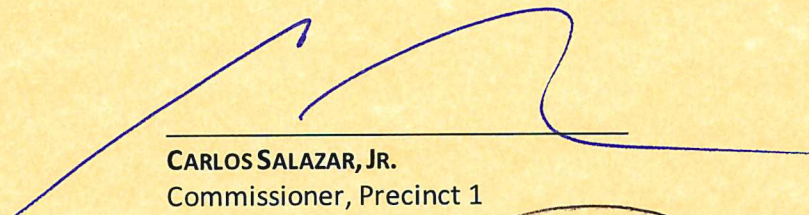
SECTION V

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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 23rd day of March, 2020.



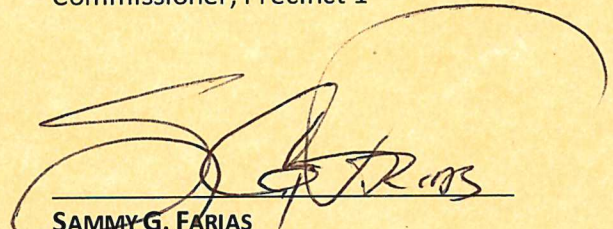
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