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BEXAR COUNTY



EXECUTIVE ORDER NW-02 OF COUNTY JUDGE NELSON W. WOLFF
ISSUED March 19, 2020

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Bexar County Judge Nelson W. Wolff declared a state of local disaster on March 13, 2020 due to imminent threat arising from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the County Judge may declare a local state of disaster in and for the County, and may exercise the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), on March 18, 2020, the Bexar County Commissioners Court approved an Order Continuing Declaration of State of Local Disaster for Bexar County (hereafter, the "***Order of Continuation of Declaration***");

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the consent by Commissioners Court authorizes the Bexar County Judge to continue to exercise the powers granted by the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 for the period specified in the Order of Continuing Declaration;

WHEREAS, the Order of Continuation of Declaration further reserved all other authority and powers conferred by or under the laws of the State of Texas and authorized the Bexar County Judge to respond as necessary to the situation made the subject of the Order of Continuation of Declaration by issuance of executive order as necessary;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a declaration of public health disaster in and for the State of Texas and on March 19, 2020, the Texas Department of State Health Services issued a declaration of a public health disaster in the State of Texas for the first time since 1901;

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott issued an executive order under the authority granted to him by the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 which restricted certain gatherings and provided guidance related to public attendance at bars, restaurants and similar establishments; and

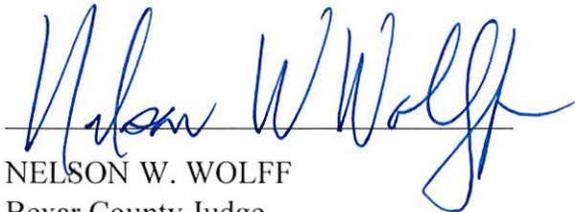
WHEREAS, in order to remain consistent with the declaration of the Texas Department of State Health Services and the executive order issued by Governor Greg Abbott as of March 19, 2020 and to enforce uniform requirements state-wide, I hereby rescind my previous executive order as issued on March 18, 2020 and issue this executive order in its place.

PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS DISASTER ACT OF 1975, BEXAR COUNTY JUDGE NELSON W. WOLFF HEREBY ISSUES THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020, and continuing for the remainder of the period approved by the Bexar County Commissioners Court in the Order of Continuation of Declaration, unless otherwise specifically indicated below:
 - (a) That all indoor public and private gatherings and outdoor gatherings (“*Mass Gatherings*”) within an enclosed space of 10 persons or more anywhere in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of Bexar County is hereafter prohibited beginning 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020 and continuing throughout the period approved in the Order of Continuation of Declaration, unless extended consistent with requirements of state law or otherwise modified;
 - (b) That Bexar County rental property owners temporarily suspend evictions for at least the next 30 days to prevent renters from being displaced due to the public health emergency;
 - (c) That foreclosure proceedings within Bexar County be temporarily suspended for at least the next 30 days to prevent the displacement of occupants during the public health emergency;
 - (d) That constituents and residents of Bexar County are encouraged to conduct essential business online or via regular mail to avoid visiting any Bexar County facilities unless absolutely necessary;
 - (e) That no person shall sell any of the following goods or services for more than the price the person charged for the goods or serves on 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020 and continuing during the pendency of this executive order:
 - i. Groceries, beverages, toilet articles, ice;
 - ii. Restaurant, cafeteria, and boarding-house meals; and
 - iii. Medicine, pharmaceutical, and medical equipment and supplies.
2. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. April 3, 2020 in accordance with the executive order GA 08 relating to Covid-19 preparedness and mitigation, the restrictions as promulgated by Governor Greg Abbott shall be appended and incorporated into this executive order issued as follows:
 - (a) 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;

- (b) 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; and
 - (c) 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.
3. That any peace officer or other person with lawful authority is hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this executive order in accordance with the authority granted under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975. Any person who violates this executive order may be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or confinement for a period not exceeding 180 days.
4. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this executive order are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this executive order should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court or competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions of this executive order are severable

DECLARED this 19th day of March, 2020



NELSON W. WOLFF
Bexar County Judge

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