

**CITY OF TEAGUE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER
PROCLAMATION OF MAYOR JAMES MONKS
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV-2 which causes the coronavirus disease COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China, has spread throughout the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness and in some cases death; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and advised countries to prepare for the containment, including active surveillance, early detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing, and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

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

WHEREAS, On March 18, 2020, Freestone County declared a local state of disaster due to public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Teague issued a proclamation declaring a local state of disaster; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation making certain recommendations mandatory; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Governor issued orders dealing with hospital care during this crisis; and

WHEREAS, at his March 22, 2020 press conference, the Governor acknowledged that the urban centers may need to enact more stringent measures to address this public health emergency and stated that he would applaud the cities for doing so; and

WHEREAS, March 23, 2020, the City of Teague Board of Aldermen adopted Resolution 2020-03-23 which extended the declaration of disaster through April 20, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) is closely monitoring the growing number of COVID-19 cases that have spread into the United States; and

WHEREAS, over 33,404 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in the United States including 40 deaths according to the CDC as of March 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the known cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in the State of Texas is currently increasing daily with 410 positive or presumed positive cases across Texas including 9 deaths according to Texas Department of State Health Services as of March 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, because of the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, the need to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, the intent to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling essential

services to continue, and the desire to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible, this Order is required; and

WHEREAS, making the problem worse, some individuals who contract the COVID-19 virus have no symptoms or have mild symptoms, which means they may not be aware they carry the virus; and

WHEREAS, because even people without symptoms can transmit the disease, and because evidence shows the disease is easily spread, gatherings can result in preventable transmission of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the scientific evidence shows that at this stage of the emergency, it is essential to slow virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed. One proven way to slow the transmission is to limit interactions among people to the greatest extent practicable. By reducing the spread of the COVID- 19 virus, this Order helps preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity; and

WHEREAS, the local hospitals and emergency service personnel are all calling for this action to flatten the curve of the virus transmission, and have warned that not taking action could result in the medical resources of Freestone County being overcome; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease, including isolation, surveillance, quarantine, or placement of persons under public health observation; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to cause concern for the public health necessitating more stringent measures to slow the spread by requiring individuals in the City of Teague to shelter in place except for certain essential activities and functions as outlined herein; and

WHEREAS, §418.108(g) of the Texas Government Code authorizes a Mayor to control ingress and egress and movement of persons from and within a disaster area under the Mayor's jurisdiction a large gathering of unidentifiable individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection may pose a risk of the spread of infectious disease; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE GOVERNING BODY, THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF TEAGUE, A GENERAL LAW TYPE A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, BODY POLITIC AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS SITUATED IN FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS, AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 418.108 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE (TEXAS DISASTER ACT) AND ARTICLE 1.300 OF THE CITY OF TEAGUE CODE OF ORDINANCES,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TEAGUE:

Section 1. Intent of this Order. The intent of this Order is to ensure that the maximum number of people 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 to the maximum extent possible.

When people need to leave their places of residences, whether to obtain or perform essential functions or activities, or to otherwise facilitate herein authorized activities, they should at all times reasonably possible comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section IV herein. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent and the City Administrator, or her designee is given authority to interpret and implement as necessary to effectuate said intent. Failure to comply with any provisions of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to the public health.

Section 2. Supplemental Order and Effective Date. The herein shelter in place order and the provisions hereof are in addition to the March 18, 2020, City of Teague Board of Aldermen Disaster Declaration Order adopted by Resolution No. 2020-03-23. This Order shall become effective at 5:00 pm on March 25, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 4:59 pm on April 3, 2020 unless it is extended, rescinded, superseded or amended in writing by the City of Teague Board of Aldermen. Nothing in this Order shall impact the force and effect of Resolution No. 2020-03-23, Disaster Declaration of the City of Teague Board of Aldermen in effect through April 20, 2020 and as that Order may be amended, extended or rescinded hereafter. If there is a conflict between this Order and Resolution No. 2020-03-23 or any subsequent disaster declaration orders of the City of Teague, the City Administrator or her designee, is authorized to resolve the conflict in a manner that will best safeguard and protect the public health consistent with the intent of this Order.

Section 3. Shelter and Stay in Place.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided herein, all individuals currently living within the City of Teague (hereinafter the City) are ordered to shelter at their place of residence or where they currently reside.
- (b) People who are sick, are urged to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care.
- (c) All persons may leave their residences only for Essential Activities, to provide or perform Essential Governmental Functions, to operate Essential Businesses, or for Essential Travel as defined in the Attached "Exhibit A".
- (d) All businesses operating within the City, except Essential Businesses as defined in Exhibit "A", are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the City except Minimum Basic Operations as defined in Exhibit "A".
- (e) To the greatest extent possible, all Essential Businesses shall comply with the Social Distancing Guidelines herein, including maintaining six-foot social distancing for both employees and the general public.
- (f) All public or private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, except as otherwise specifically provided herein. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit at their residence.
- (g) To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably possible maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence.

Section 4. Social Distancing Requirements. Social Distancing Requirements includes maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or

sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands. Social distancing requirements shall be complied with, to the extent possible, by persons engaging in Essential Business operations, Essential Government Functions, Essential Activities, and Essential Travel.

Section 5. Criminal Penalty. Pursuant to Section 418.173 of the Texas Government Code, Peace officers, City of Teague Code Department inspectors, and the Office of the Teague Fire Marshall, are hereby authorized to enforce this order. A person who violates any emergency plan, order (including this order), rule or ordinance enacted or adopted as part of the emergency management of this event shall be guilty of a misdemeanor violation punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days.

Section 6. Enforcement Activity. The City Administrator or her designee shall have authority to enforce this Proclamation.

Section 7. Prompt Filing. Pursuant to §418.018 (c) of the Government Code, the declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

Section 8. Conflict Provision. All provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Teague codified or uncodified, in conflict with the provisions of this proclamation are hereby temporarily superseded by this Proclamation for the duration of the emergency declaration.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately upon its issuance by the Mayor of the City of Teague, Texas.


I HEREBY DECLARE A SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER WITHIN THE CITY OF TEAGUE to continue until 4:45 pm on April 3, 2020 subject to the continuation or renewal of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Teague upon the expiration of seven (7) days as provided by Texas Government Code Section 418.108.

ACCORDINGLY, I further proclaim activation of the City Emergency Management Plan and the activation of all other statutory and ordinance powers vested in me and all officers of the City of Teague to act in the premises and for the purposes stated. Prompt and general publicity is hereby proclaimed and ordered as to the issuance of this Proclamation.

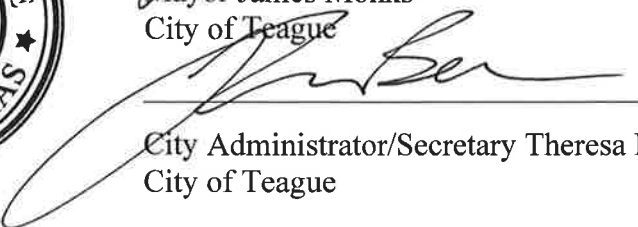
ORDERED this 24th day of March, 2020, in the City of Teague, Freestone County, Texas, in witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name.

Filed with me, City Administrator/Secretary Theresa Bell of the City of Teague this 24th day of March, 2020, by Mayor James Monks whose signature I hereby certify is true and genuine, with general publicity of the foregoing Proclamation being put into effect the same date as the signing thereof.





Mayor James Monks
City of Teague



City Administrator/Secretary Theresa Bell
City of Teague

EXHIBIT "A"
DEFINITIONS FOR SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER

1. Essential Activities includes the following:
 - a. **Essential Tasks Health and Safety.** tasks essential to a person's health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (for example, obtaining essential medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional for essential treatment, or obtaining supplies that are essential to work from home).
 - b. **Essential Services and Supply.** To obtain necessary services or supplies for persons and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others (for example, food, pet supply, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences.)
 - c. **Outdoor Activity with Social Distancing.** To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with social distancing requirements of six feet (for example, walking, biking, hiking, or running).
 - d. **Actions Necessary to Carry Out Essential Functions.** To perform work, provide products and/or services or take other actions necessary for Essential Government Functions and/or for an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order.
 - e. **Provide Care to Family and Pets.** To care for a family member, pet in a person's home or in another person's household, and/or to care for livestock or other animals.

2. Essential Businesses includes the following:
 - a. **Essential Healthcare Operations.** Healthcare operations, including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, mental health providers, substance abuse service providers, blood banks, medical research, laboratory services, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. Home-based and residential-based care for seniors, adults, or children are also considered healthcare operations. Healthcare operations also includes veterinary care and all health and welfare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be viewed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare. Healthcare operations do not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities. Healthcare operations do not include elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures. Hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, dental offices, and other medical facilities are directed to identify procedures that are deemed "elective" by assessing which procedures can be postponed or cancelled based on patient risk considering the emergency need for redirection of resources to COVID-19 response.
 - b. **Religious Facilities.** Religious Facilities, including religious and worship services are essential but services should be limited to video, teleconference and/or online services, to the extent possible.
 - c. **Essential Government Functions.** All services provided by federal, state, and local governments needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. Further, nothing in this order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing "Essential Government

Functions.” Government agencies are authorized to deem which services are essential to their operations.

- d. **Essential Critical Infrastructure.** Work necessary to the operations and maintenance of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors as identified by the National Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) including public works construction, residential and commercial construction, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), banks and financial institutions, defense and national security-related operations, and related essential manufacturing operations. Essential Infrastructure shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to essential infrastructure.
- e. **Essential Retail.** Food service providers, including grocery stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, liquor stores, gas stations and convenience stores, farmers’ markets that sell food products and household staples. Food cultivation, including farming, fishing, and livestock. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out. Schools and other entities that typically provide free services to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away basis only. The restriction of delivery or carry out does not apply to cafes and restaurants located within hospital and medical facilities. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers. Gas stations, auto-supply, auto and bicycle repair, hardware stores, and related facilities. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home.
- f. **Providers of Basic Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations.** Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals.
- g. **Essential Services Necessary to Maintain Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses.** Trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal, mail and shipping services, building cleaning and maintenance, warehouse/distribution and fulfillment, storage for essential businesses, funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences and Essential Businesses. Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support of supplies needed to operate.
- h. **News Media.** Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.
- i. **Childcare Services.** Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted.
- j. **Manufacture, distribution, and supply chain for critical products and industries.** Manufacturing companies, distributors, and supply chain companies producing and supplying essential products and services in and for industries such as pharmaceutical, technology, biotechnology, healthcare, chemicals and sanitization, waste pickup and disposal, agriculture, food and beverage, transportation, energy, steel and steel products, petroleum and fuel, mining, construction, national defense, communications, as well as products used by other Essential Businesses and Operations.

- k. **Transportation.** Airlines, taxis, transportation network providers (such as Uber and Lyft), vehicle rental services, paratransit, and other private, public, and commercial transportation and logistics providers necessary for Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized herein.
- l. **Home-based care and services.** Home-based care for adults, seniors, children, and/or people with developmental disabilities, intellectual disabilities, substance use disorders, and/or mental illness, including caregivers such as nannies who may travel to the child's home to provide care, and other in-home services including meal delivery as long as they otherwise comply with federal, state and local regulations.
- m. **Hotels and motels.** Hotels and motels, to the extent used for lodging.

3. Essential Travel includes the following:

- a. Any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses and Operations, or Minimum Basic Operations.
- b. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.
- c. Travel to or from educational, non-profit or similar institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, supplies and any other related services.
- d. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction.
- e. Travel related to a court order, including to transport children pursuant to a custody agreement.

4. Minimum Basic Operations includes the following:

- a. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions.
- b. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.
- c. Businesses may continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e. working from home and/or remote working).