

**MAVERICK COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**SIXTH DECLARATION OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**  
**WITH THE CONSENT OF MAVERICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; 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**, Maverick County, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the Maverick County Judge, with consent of Commissioner's court issued a declaration of local state of disaster due to public health emergency (1<sup>st</sup> disaster declaration), thereby activating the Maverick County, Texas, Emergency Management Plan. and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, the Maverick County Judge, with consent of Commissioners Court, issued a Second Declaration that included a penalty provisions for any person that violates the Declaration of March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2020, the Maverick County Judge, with consent of Commissioners Court, issued a Third Declaration that included closing public parks and libraries and limiting of meetings and implementing a curfew.

**WHEREAS**, on March 25, 2020, the Commissioners Court issued an Order to allow the Maverick County Judge to contract for the purchase of items to protect the public health or safety and exempts these items from §262.023 of the Texas Local Government Code.

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2020, the Maverick County Judge, with the consent of Commissioners Court, issued a Fourth Declaration at Stay At Home Emergency Measures and other measures to prepare for, respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued an executive order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, superseding all previous orders on the matter; and

**WHEREAS**, Maverick County, Texas, has determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected

with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY JUDGE SAUCEDO OF MAVERICK COUNTY, TEXAS, AND WITH THE CONSENT OF MAVERICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT:**

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for Maverick County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and the Order of Maverick County Commissioners Court declaring and finding a Local state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue indefinitely and the Maverick County Commissioner's Court, incorporates said declarations contained therein as well as amends and modifies such declarations as noted below.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Secretary.

SECTION 4. That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates Maverick County, Texas, Emergency Management Plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 5. That this declaration authorizes the County to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the County's rules, pursuant to §121.003 of the Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 6. COVERING OF NOSE AND MOUTH. Except as provided herein, all persons over the age of five (5) are required to wear some form of covering (such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief) over their nose and mouth AT ALL TIMES except:

- A. When on your property or riding in a personal vehicle;
- B. When alone in a separate single space (i.e. office);
- C. When necessary for purposes of a health emergency or for identification purposes;
- D. When necessary for consumption purposes;
- E. Law enforcement and first responders shall utilize their standard operating procedures for the use of this equipment in conformance with policy and practice and as authorized by their Supervisors.

SECTION 7. POSITIVE TEST RESULT. If someone in a household has tested positive for COVID-19 and is not hospitalized, the individual is ordered to isolate at home for a period of at least fourteen (14) days from when symptoms first appeared or when the positive test results were obtained, whichever is later. The Local Health Authority may impose a longer period of time for isolation. If a member of the household tests positive, then other members of the household or those that came in contact with the person who tested positive, should consider themselves positive if they become symptomatic and those persons shall follow the isolation and quarantine measures prescribed by local, state, or federal health

authorities. Asymptomatic members of the household or those that came in contact with the person who tested positive shall quarantine in their household and NOT go to work, school, or any other community function until the individual who tested positive is no longer required to isolate or until cleared by the Local Health Authority.

SECTION 8. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY. Religious and worship services may only be provided by video and teleconference. Religious institutions must limit in-person staff to ten (10) people or less when preparing for or conducting video or teleconference services. All individuals must follow the safe social distancing guidelines including maintaining six (6) foot social distancing for employees, volunteers, and visitors; regularly washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds or the use of hand sanitizer; cover coughs or sneezes; regularly clean high-touch surfaces; and ensure no physical handshakes or contact takes place.

SECTION 9. GRANTING OF AUTHORITY. Any peace officer or other person with lawful authority, including but not limited to the City of Eagle Pass Police Department and Investigators, Code Enforcement Officers, the City of Eagle Pass Fire Marshal's Office, the Maverick County Sheriff's Office, the Maverick County Constable's Offices; the Maverick County District Attorney Investigators and all other law enforcement partner agencies are hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Order in accordance with the authority granted under Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code. This declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 10. DETERMINING ESSENTIAL SERVICES FINAL AUTHORITY. Whether a service or activity is essential will be based on its primary purpose with the final determination resting solely with the Maverick County as the final authority.

SECTION 11. PENALTIES. In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 per instance or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days. The penalty for a violation of this Section 25 only shall be a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). The County Treasurer shall earmark all revenues collected for violations of this Section 25 to expenses related to the COVID-19 disaster;

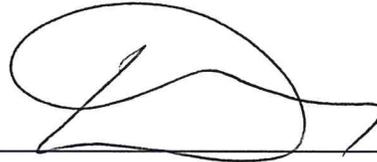
SECTION 12. PRIOR CITY ORDERS AND DECLARATIONS. In the event of a conflict with the language contained herein and prior declarations, resolution or orders pertaining to COVID-19, this Declaration prevails but only as it pertains to the specific subject matter restriction being addressed. All other sections of the previous disaster declaration, orders or resolutions issued remain in effect

SECTION 13. This declaration, with the consent of Maverick County Commissioner's Court, is issued because of the propensity of the COVID-19 to spread person to person, and because the virus physically causing property loss and damage.

SECTION 14. That this declaration, with the Consent of the Maverick County Court, hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 15. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.



The Honorable David R. Saucedo  
County Judge



The Honorable Gerardo "Jerry" Morales  
Commissioner, Precinct 1



The Honorable Rosy Cantu  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

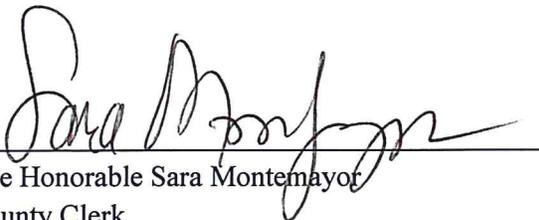


The Honorable Pete Venegas  
Commissioner, Precinct 3



The Honorable Roberto Ruiz  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

Filed with the Clerk of Maverick County, Texas:



The Honorable Sara Montemayor  
County Clerk

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