NOTICE OF MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
FRIDAY - APRIL 3, 2020 - 2:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
823 ROSENBERG, GALVESTON, TEXAS
TELEPHONE: (409) 797-3510

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Order of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Galveston will conduct its Special Meeting by telephone/video conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Corona Virus/COVID-19. There will be public access to the location described above.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT
   Members of the public may submit a public comment using the web link below. All comments submitted prior to the meeting will be read by City Staff during the meeting.

   https://forms.galvestontx.gov/Forms/PublicComment

   A. Agenda Items
   B. Non-Agenda Items

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.A. An Ordinance Extending The Provisions Of City Ordinance 20-023
Consider For Approval An Ordinance Of The City Of Galveston, Texas, Extending The Provisions Of City Ordinance 20-023 Declaring A State Of Disaster And Emergency In The City Of Galveston Related To The Emergence Of The Corona Virus/COVID 19 And The Emergency Orders As Detailed In That Ordinance; Ratifying The Amendment To The Declaration Of A State Of Disaster And Emergency In The City Of Galveston; Confirming The Orders Issued By The Mayor Subsequent To The Passage Of Ordinance 20-023 Related To Closing The Public Beaches In The City Of Galveston; Closing Beach Access Points West Of The Western Terminus Of The Galveston Seawall; Amending The Mandated Closure Of Short Term Rental Facilities And Closing Bed And Breakfast Facilities And Hotels Operating In The City; Requiring Minimum Stays For Recreational Vehicles At RV Parks In The City And Prohibiting Parking Of RVs In City Parks And Commercial Parking Lots; And Granting City Staff Authority To Suspend Building And Flood Plain Regulations At Galveston Scholes Field; Making Various Findings And Provisions Related To The Subject, Providing For A Penalty And Providing For An Effective Date.

Documents:

ORDINANCE-WITH NEW ORDERS FOR APRIL 3 V4.DOCX

4.A.1. Declaration Of A Local State Of Disaster Related To The Emergence Of Corona Virus/COVID-19; And Amended Declaration Of A Local State Of Disaster And Emergency Related To The Emergence Of Corona Virus/COVID-19

Documents:

DDO - DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER - 3_16_2020.PDF
DDO - AMENDED DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER AND EMERGENCY - 3_31_2020.PDF

4.A.2. Order Closing Entertainment Venues Operating On Galveston Island Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston

Documents:

DDO - ORDER CLOSING ENTERTAINMENT VENUES - 3_17_2020.PDF

4.A.3. Order Closing Restaurants And Bars In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston

Documents:

DDO - ORDER CLOSING RESTAURANTS AND BARS - 3_17_2020.PDF

4.A.4. Order Prohibiting Consumption Of Food Within One Hundred Feet Of A Take Out Food Establishments In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of Galveston

Documents:

DDO - ORDER PROHIBITING CONSUMPTION OF FOOD WITHIN 100 FT OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT - 3_19_2020.PDF

4.A.5. Order Closing Guided Tours Operating On Galveston Island Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston

Documents:

DDO - ORDER CLOSING GUIDED TOURS - 3_19_2020.PDF

4.A.6. Order Suspending Licenses To Use For The Placement Of Tables, Benches And Chairs In The Public Right Of Way In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of Galveston

Documents:

DDO - ORDER SUSPENDING LICENSES TO USE - 3_19_2020.PDF

4.A.7. Order Prohibiting Operation Of Electronic Amusement Games Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston

Documents:

DDO - ORDER PROHIBITING OPERATION OF ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT GAMES - 3_24_2020.PDF

4.A.8. Order Mandating Closure Of Commercial Fishing Pier And Charter Boat Operations In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of Galveston

Documents:

DDO - ORDER MANDATING CLOSURE OF COMMERCIAL FISHING PIER AND CHARTER BOAT OPERATIONS - 3_24_2020.PDF

4.A.9. Order Mandating That Citizens Stay In Place In Their Residence, Making Exceptions For Those Engaged In Essential Activities, Business Or Governmental Operations In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of Galveston

Documents:

DDO - ORDER MANDATING THAT CITIZENS STAY IN PLACE - 3_24_2020.PDF

4.A.10. Order Mandating Closure Of Short Term Rental Facilities In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of Galveston

Documents:

DDO - ORDER MANDATING CLOSURE OF SHORT TERM RENTAL FACILITIES - 3_24_2020.PDF

4.A.11. Order Closing Public Beaches In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston

Documents:

DDO - ORDER CLOSING PUBLIC BEACHES - 3_29_2020.PDF

4.A.12. Order Prohibiting Vehicular Traffic On Certain Beaches And Closing Certain Beach Access Points Issued By The Mayor Of Galveston

Documents:

DDO - ORDER PROHIBITING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON CERTAIN BEACHES - 3_20_2020.PDF

4.A.13. Order Closing Public Beach Access Points West Of The Western Terminus Of The Seawall In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston

Documents:

DDO - ORDER CLOSING PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS POINT WEST OF SEAWALL - 3_29_2020.PDF

4.A.14. Amended Order Mandating Closure Of Short-Term Rental Facilities In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of Galveston

Documents:

DDO - AMENDED ORDER MANDATING CLOSURE OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL FACILITIES - 3_27_2020.PDF

4.A.15. Order Closing Bed And Breakfast Facilities And Hotels Operating In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston

Documents:

DDO - ORDER CLOSING BED AND BREAKFAST FACILITIES AND

HOTELS - 3_27_2020.PDF

4.A.16. Order Requiring A Minimum Period Of Stay For Recreational Vehicles In Rv Parks Operating Within The City Of Galveston And Prohibiting The Parking Of Recreational Vehicles In Any Public Park Or Commercial Parking Lot In The City Of Galveston Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston

Documents:

DDO - ORDER REQUIRING A MINIMUM PERIOD OF STAY FOR RV VEHICLES - 3_27_2020.PDF

4.A.17. Order Granting City Staff Authority To Suspend The Application Of Building Code And Flood Plain Regulations At The Galveston Scholes Field So As To Allow The Temporary Construction And Placement Of Temporary COVID 19 Screening Facilities By PHI Aviation LLC For The Screening Of Its Employees, Passengers And Customers Using The Airport Leasehold Facilities Issued By The Mayor Of The City Of Galveston

Documents:

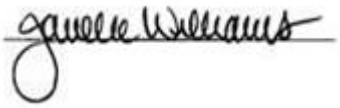
DDO - ORDER GRANTING STAFF AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND BLDG CODE_FLOOD PLAIN REGS-SCHOLES AIRPORT - 4_1_2020.PDF

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.A. Update On Corona Virus/COVID-19

6. ADJOURNMENT

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted in a place convenient to the public in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code on March 31, 2020 at 12:30 P.M.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), PERSONS IN NEED OF A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHALL, WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO ANY PROCEEDING, CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SUITE 201, 823 ROSENBERG, GALVESTON, TEXAS 77550 (409-797-3510).

ORDINANCE NO. 20- ___

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, EXTENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CITY ORDINANCE 20-023 DECLARING A STATE OF DISASTER AND EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF GALVESTON RELATED TO THE EMERGENCE OF THE CORONA VIRUS/COVID 19 AND THE EMERGENCY ORDERS AS DETAILED IN THAT ORDINANCE; RATIFYING THE AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF DISASTER AND EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF GALVESTON; CONFIRMING THE ORDERS ISSUED BY THE MAYOR SUBSEQUENT TO THE PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 20-023 RELATED TO CLOSING THE PUBLIC BEACHES IN THE CITY OF GALVESTON; CLOSING BEACH ACCESS POINTS WEST OF THE WESTERN TERMINUS OF THE GALVESTON SEAWALL; AMENDING THE MANDATED CLOSURE OF SHORT TERM RENTAL FACILITIES AND CLOSING BED AND BREAKFAST FACILITIES AND HOTELS OPERATING IN THE CITY; REQUIRING MINIMUM STAYS FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AT RV PARKS IN THE CITY AND PROHIBITING PARKING OF RVS IN CITY PARKS AND COMMERCIAL PARKING LOTS; AND GRANTING CITY STAFF AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND BUILDING AND FLOOD PLAIN REGULATIONS AT GALVESTON SCHOLES FIELD; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT, PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, City Council finds that the emergence of the Coranavirus/COVID 19 has been confirmed in Galveston County by the Galveston County Health District which has announced the presence of the disease caused by community spread; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds the Center for Disease Control has urged that preventive measures betaken to control the spreads of the disease through the implementation of control measures; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds the confirmed presence of the disease in this area requires extraordinary measures to preserve the public health, control the spread of the disease, and protect the welfare of the citizenry people and preserve the delivery of services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston's Emergency Management Plan has previously been activated by Declaration of Local Disaster By Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Galveston, dated March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas has declared a state of disaster for the entire State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Tex. Health & Safety Code §112.006 allows a home rule municipality to adopt rules to protect the health of persons in the municipality against communicable disease; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously passed City Ordinance 20-023 ratifying the Mayor's Declaration of Local Disaster and extending it to April 3, 2020 as well as the temporary orders he has executed as detailed in that Ordinance and now wishes to further extend them as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS;

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. As set forth in City Ordinance 20-023 and in accordance with Section 418.108 of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, and Article II, Section 15 of The City Charter of Ordinances, the City Council finds and declares a state of disaster and emergency in the City of Galveston as a result of the impact of the emergence of the Coronavirus/COVID 19 in Galveston County continues to exist in the City of Galveston and should be extended to a date set forth herein.

SECTION 3. The City Council finds and declares the following emergency Orders issued by the Mayor ratified in Ordinance 20-023 should be extended to a date set forth herein:

a) Declaration of a Local State of Disaster and Emergency Related to the Emergence of the Corona Virus/Covid-19 signed March 16, 2020 and as amended March 31, 2020.
b) Order Closing Entertainment Venues Operating on Galveston Island signed March 18, 2020; and
c) Order Closing Bars and Restaurants in the City of Galveston signed March 18, 2020;
d) Order prohibiting the consumption of food within 100 feet of a take-out food establishment signed March 19, 2020;
e) Order closing guided tours operating on Galveston Island signed March 19, 2020;
f) Order suspending Licenses to Use for the placement of tables benches and chairs in the public right of way;
g) Order prohibiting the operation of electronic amusement machines in businesses in the City of Galveston;
h) Order closing fishing piers and charter operations in the City of Galveston;
i) Order requiring citizens to stay at home unless engaged in an essential activity of business,

SECTION 4. The City Council finds and declares the following emergency Orders issued by the Mayor and ratified in Ordinance 20-023 has been amended by further Order of the Mayor and is no longer of any force and effect:

j) Order closing short terms rentals in the City of Galveston; and

SECTION 5. The City Council finds and declares the following emergency Orders issued by the Mayor subsequent to the passage of Ordinance 20-023 should be extended to a date set forth herein:

k) Order closing Public Beaches in the City of Galveston; and
l) Order prohibiting vehicular traffic from certain beaches from Beach access point 35 west including those around San Luis Pass; and
m) Order closing Public Beach Access Points west of the western terminus of the Galveston Seawall; and
n) Amended Order Mandating Closure of Short Term Rental Facilities in the City of Galveston; and
o) Order closing Bed and Breakfast Facilities and Hotels Operating in the City of Galveston;
p) Order requiring a Minimum Period of Stay for Recreational Vehicles in RV Parks and prohibiting the parking of Recreational Vehicles in any Public Park or Commercial Parking Lot; and
q) Order granting City Staff Authority to Suspend the Application of Building Code and Flood Plan regulations to allow Construction and Placement of a Temporary Screening Facility by PHI Aviation LLC.

SECTION 6. A violation of an order set forth above shall be a Class C misdemeanor punishable by fine as allowed by law and as set forth in the specific Order .

SECTION 7 The Mayor, as Director of Emergency Management, is further authorized to provide, or cause to be provided, all arrangements, provisions, and means necessary and proper to affect the coordination of relief and aid programs, and property restoration and rehabilitation programs, for the protection, preservation, and improvement of life and property within the City during the State of Disaster and Emergency.

SECTION 8. These terms of this Ordinance shall remain in effect until 5:00 p.m. on __April ____, 2020.

SECTION 9. This declaration of local disaster and emergency activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration. All aspects of the City of Galveston Emergency Management Plan not already activated are hereby activated as provided in the plan.

SECTION 10. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

SECTION 12. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 12 and 13 of Article II of the City Charter this Ordinance has been publicly available in the office of the City Secretary for not less than 72 hours prior to its adoption; that this Ordinance may be read and published by descriptive caption only.

SECTION 13. This Ordinance shall be and become effective from and after its adoption and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Galveston.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

I, Janelle Williams, Secretary of the City Council of the City of Galveston, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Galveston at its regular meeting held on the 3rd day of April, 2020, as the same appears in records of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I subscribe my name hereto officially under the corporate seal of the City of Galveston this _____ day of April, 2020.

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JANELLE WILLIAMS
Secretary for the City Council
of the City of Galveston

DECLARATION OF A
LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
RELATED TO THE EMERGENCE OF
CORONA VIRUS/COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster in Texas due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), which has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has noted that as of March 13, 2020, there are more than 30 confirmed cases of COVID-1 9 located in multiple Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has further noted there are more than 50 Texans with pending tests for COVID-19 in Texas; and

WHEREAS, some schools, universities, and other governmental entities are beginning to alter their schedules, and some venues are beginning to temporarily close, as precautionary responses to the increasing presence of COVID- 19 in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Corona virus has emerged in Galveston County with one confirmed case and given the apparent ease of transmission, the City of Galveston is faced with an imminent threat to the public health which requires the imposition of control measures; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Galveston has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY MAYOR, JAMES YARBROUGH, OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Galveston pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

2. Pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Government Code, the local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued City Council of the City of Galveston.

3. Pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Government Code, this declaration of local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

4. Pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the emergency management plan.

5. This Declaration activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or inter-jurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance as may be available from state or federal resources.

6. That this proclamation shall take effect at 2:00 p.m. on 3/16/20.

ORDERED this the 16th day of March, 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

JAMES D. YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

CITY OF GALVESTON ★ 1839 ★

ATTEST:

JANELLE WILLIAMS
CITY SECRETARY

AMENDED DECLARATION OF A
LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER AND EMERGENCY
RELATED TO THE EMERGENCE OF
CORONA VIRUS/COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster in Texas due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), which has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

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WHEREAS, the Corona virus has emerged in Galveston County with one confirmed case and given the apparent ease of transmission, the City of Galveston is faced with an imminent threat to the public health which requires the imposition of control measures; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Galveston has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY MAYOR, JAMES YARBROUGH, OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster and emergency is hereby declared for the City of Galveston pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

2. Pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Government Code, the local state of disaster and emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued City Council of the City of Galveston.

3. Pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Government Code, this declaration of local state of disaster and emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

4. Pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster and emergency activates the emergency management plan.

5. This Declaration activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or inter-jurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance as may be available from state or federal resources.

6. That this Declaration amends the Declaration of Local State of Disaster and Emergency dated March 16, 2020.

ORDERED this the 31st day of March, 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

JAMES D. YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

ATTEST:

JANELLE WILLIAMS
CITY SECRETARY

I, Janelle Williams, Secretary of the City Council of the City of Galveston, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Declaration of local state of disaster ordered by the Mayor of the City of Galveston on the 31st day of March, 2020, as the same appears in records of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I subscribe my name hereto officially under the corporate seal of the City of Galveston this 31st day of March, 2020.

Janelle Williams
Janelle Williams [Printed Name]
Secretary for the City Council
of the City of Galveston

ORDER CLOSING
ENTERTAINMENT VENUES
OPERATING ON GALVESTON ISLAND
ISSUED BY
THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston, Texas, has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 418 related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus; and

WHEREAS, information issued by the federal Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health Services related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus have stressed undertaking steps to control of the virus; and,

WHEREAS, those entities have urged that the failure to take steps to diminish the spread of the virus will result in the overwhelming of the health care system in this area with a concomitant increase of mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has confirmed the presence of Corona virus in Galveston County caused by community spread, although the Health District refuses to identify the precise location within the County; and

WHEREAS, the present emphasis is the control of community spread of the virus by limiting the number of citizens who are present in a given area;

WHEREAS, the leadership of the City has noted the presence of citizens attending venues whose main purpose is the delivery of entertainment to the public in a confined, defined area, including open air venues, including movie theaters, museums, and other tourist attractions located in the City; and

WHEREAS, the high concentration of citizens at entertainment venues presents an opportunity for the transmission of the virus through community spread; and

WHEREAS, the determination to implement control measures involves consideration of the balance between the social utility of the control measure implements versus the effect of the measure on the private and public sectors ability to deliver goods and services to the general population and preserve the public confidence; and

WHEREAS, it appears the implementation of control measures to control the community spread of the virus at entertainment venues open to the public is in the best interest of this community; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of such control measures at public entertainment venues would not undermine the ability of the private and public sector to deliver essential goods and services to the general population. ;

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

SECTION 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. That public entertainment venues located in the City of Galveston are ordered to be closed effective as of the signing of this order; it shall be unlawful for the operator of an entertainment venue to remain open to the public.

SECTION 3. Any person who shall violate any provision of this ORDER shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a penal sum as allowed by law.

SECTION 4. That, in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration shall take effect immediately at 4:00 P.M. on 3-17-20 and shall terminate seven days from the entry of this order or until further Order of the City.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED at 2:45 pm on this the 17th day of March 2020O.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

JAMES D. YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

ATTEST"

JANELLE WILLIAMS
CITY SECRETARY

CITY OF GALVESTON ★ 1839 ★

ORDER CLOSING RESTAURANTS AND BARS
IN THE CITY OF GALVESTON
ISSUED BY
THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston, Texas, has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 418 related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus; and

WHEREAS, information issued by the federal Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health Services related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus have stressed undertaking steps to control of the virus; and,

WHEREAS, those entities have urged that the failure to take steps to diminish the spread of the virus will result in the overwhelming of the health care system in this area with a concomitant increase of mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has confirmed the presence of Corona virus in Galveston County caused by community spread, although the Health District refuses to identify the precise location within the County; and

WHEREAS, the present emphasis is the control of community spread of the virus by limiting the number of citizens who are present in a given area; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a high concentration of citizens in restaurants and bars open to the public presents an opportunity for community spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, it appears the implementation of control measures to control the community spread of the virus by limiting the number of patrons in a bar or restaurant venue is in the best interest of this community; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of such control measure would not undermine the ability of the private and public sector to deliver essential goods and services to the general population; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the appropriate control measure to be taken in relation to bars and restaurants is to order their immediate closure for all but drive through window and take out purposes; operators of bars and restaurants are encouraged to promote take out menus from their premises.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

SECTION 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. That it shall be unlawful for the operator of a bar or restaurant to be open to the public upon entry of this Order for the purposes of dine in services. This shall not include the provision of take out, delivery or drive through window operations.

SECTION 3. This Order does not extend to restaurants located in hotels serving meals to guests staying at the hotel; such operations are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines related to social distancing.

SECTION 4. Any person who shall violate any provision of this ORDER shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a penal sum as allowed by law.

SECTION 5. That, in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration shall take effect as applied to bars immediately at 4:00 P.M. on 3-17-20 and shall terminate seven days from the entry of this Order or until further Order of the City.

SECTION 6. That, in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration shall take effect as applied to restaurants at 5:00 am on March 18, 2020 and shall terminate seven days from the entry of this Order or until further Order of the City.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED at 2:45 pm this the 17th day of March 2020 Claosi.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

JAMES D. YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

ATTEST:

JANELLE WILLIAMS
CITY SECRETARY

ORDER PROHIBITING CONSUMPTION OF FOOD WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FEET OF A TAKE OUT FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CITY OF GALVESTON ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF GALVESTON

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston, Texas has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 418 due to the Coronavirus/COVID 19; and

WHEREAS, information issued by the Federal Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health Services related to the Coronavirus have stressed undertaking steps to control the spread of the virus; and,

WHEREAS, those entities have urged that the failure to take steps to diminish the spread of the virus will result in the overwhelming of the health care system in this area with a concomitant increase of mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has confirmed the presence of Corona virus in Galveston County caused by community spread, although the Health District refuses to identify the precise location within the County; and

WHEREAS, the present emphasis is the control of community spread of the virus by limiting the number of citizens who are present in a given area; and

WHEREAS, the City issued an order closing restaurants and bars in the City of Galveston, and limiting those operations to takeout, delivery, drive thru, and curbside pickup; and,

WHEREAS, as the purpose of closing restaurants and bars is to eliminate the congregation of citizens in a close area to control the spread of the virus and the congregation or persons consuming food in proximity to a food preparation establishment frustrates the control measure of closing the bars and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this Order, the terms restaurants shall be defined to include traditional brick and mortar facilities, food trucks, roadside food stands of any kind, any other type of commercial operation selling prepared food to the public; and events sponsored by not for profit groups during which food is prepared.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

SECTION 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person to consume food or beverage within one hundred (100) linear feet of the food establishment from where the food was purchased. As an exception, patrons may consume their food or beverage within their automobile whether or not that automobile is within one hundred (100) linear feet of the food establishment from where the food originated.

SECTION 3 Restaurants shall not provide tables for use by patrons to utilize in the consumption of food purchased from their facility within 100 feet of the premises.

SECTION 4. With the exception of Section 2 of this Order, all other provisions of Order Closing Restaurants and Bars, adopted by the Mayor on March 17, 2020 remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Order shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a penal sum as allowed by law.

SECTION 6. That, in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this order shall take effect immediately at _1:17 P.M. on March 19, 2020 and shall terminate seven days from the entry of this Order or until further Order of the City.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED, at 1:17 pm on this 19th_day of March 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

JAMES D. YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

ATTEST:

JANELLE WILLIAMS
CITY SECRETARY

CITY OF GALVESTON ★ 1839 ★

ORDER CLOSING
GUIDED TOURS
OPERATING ON GALVESTON ISLAND
ISSUED BY
THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston, Texas, has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 418 related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus; and

WHEREAS, information issued by the federal Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health Services related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus have stressed undertaking steps to control of the virus; and,

WHEREAS, those entities have urged that the failure to take steps to diminish the spread of the virus will result in the overwhelming of the health care system in this area with a concomitant increase of mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has confirmed the presence of Corona virus in Galveston County caused by community spread, although the Health District refuses to identify the precise location within the County; and

WHEREAS, the present emphasis is the control of community spread of the virus by limiting the number of citizens who are present in a given area; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of the City has noted the presence of citizens participating in guided tours which requires them to be in close proximity in contravention of CDC guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the high concentration of citizens participating in such tours presents an opportunity for the transmission of the virus through community spread; and

WHEREAS, the determination to implement control measures involves consideration of the balance between the social utility of the control measure implements versus the effect of the measure on the private and public sectors ability to deliver goods and services to the general population and preserve the public confidence; and

WHEREAS, it appears the implementation of control measures to control the community spread of the virus by closing guided tours of all kinds is in the best interest of this community; and

WHEREAS, the term guided tours shall be construed as expansively as possible, and shall include guided trips on Segways, bicycles of any kind, horse drawn carriages, motorized conveyances of all kinds, boats whether powered by engine or self paddled or propelled by human power, horses, self guided tours using prerecorded equipment, and any other sight-seeing modality, conducted on public streets and rights of way including public beaches and parks; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of control measures to these activities would not undermine the ability of the private and public sector to deliver essential goods and services to the general population.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

SECTION 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. That guided tours located in the City of Galveston are ordered to be closed effective as of the signing of this order; it shall be unlawful for the operator of an entertainment venue to remain open to the public.

SECTION 3. Any person who shall violate any provision of this ORDER shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a penal sum as allowed by law.

SECTION 4. That, in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration shall take effect immediately at _1:17 P.M. on March 19, 2020 and shall terminate seven days from the entry of this order or until further Order of the City.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED at __1:17_ pm on this the 20th day of March 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

JAMES D. YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

ATTEST:

JANELLE WILLIAMS
CITY SECRETARY

ORDER SUSPENDING LICENSES TO USE
FOR THE PLACEMENT OF TABLES, BENCHES AND CHAIRS
IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY
IN THE CITY OF GALVESTON
ISSUED BY
THE MAYOR OF GALVESTON

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston, Texas has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 418 due to the Coronavirus/COVID 19; and

WHEREAS, information issued by the Federal Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health Services related to the Coronavirus have stressed undertaking steps to control the spread of the virus; and,

WHEREAS, those entities have urged that the failure to take steps to diminish the spread of the virus will result in the overwhelming of the health care system in this area with a concomitant increase of mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has confirmed the presence of Corona virus in Galveston County caused by community spread, although the Health District refuses to identify the precise location within the County; and

WHEREAS, the present emphasis is the control of community spread of the virus by limiting the number of citizens who are present in a given area;

WHEREAS, the City has issued to various entities a License to Use (LTU) allowing the placement of tables, benches and chairs in the Public Right of Way around which citizens gather in concentrated groups providing an opportunity for the spread of disease; and

WHEREAS, CDC guidelines encourage the taking of steps to prevent the congregation of people in a concentrated area to suppress the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, it appears appropriate to order that the LTUs allowing for the placement of any tables, benches and chairs in the public rights of way be suspended and such chairs, benches and table be removed from the public right of way.

SECTION 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

SECTION 2. That all LTUs for the placement of chairs, tables and benches in the public rights of way are hereby suspended and all tables, benches and chairs must be removed from the Public Right of Way.

SECTION 3. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Order shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a penal sum as allowed by law.

SECTION 4. That, in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this order shall take effect immediately at _1:17_P.M. on March 19, 2020 and shall terminate seven days from the entry of this Order or until further Order of the City.

SO DECLARED AND **ORDERED**, at 1:17 pm. on this 19th day of March 2020.

JAMES YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

ATTEST:

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

ORDER PROHIBITING OPERATIONOF
ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT GAMES
ISSUED BY
THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston, Texas, has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 418 related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus; and

WHEREAS, information issued by the federal Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health Services related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus have stressed undertaking steps to control of the virus; and,

WHEREAS, those entities have urged that the failure to take steps to diminish the spread of the virus will result in the overwhelming of the health care system in this area with a concomitant increase of mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has confirmed the presence of Corona virus in Galveston County caused by community spread, although the Health District refuses to identify the precise location within the County; and

WHEREAS, the present emphasis is the control of community spread of the virus by limiting the number of citizens who are present in a given area;

WHEREAS, in this Order "electronic amusement games" shall include video games of any kind, eight liners, video poker machines or any device that displays a games on a video screen; and

WHEREAS, businesses that allow electronic amusement games in their establishment continue to attract large numbers of patrons, with minimal spacing which does not allow for social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the high concentration of citizens visiting these businesses that allow electronic amusement machines an opportunity for the transmission of the virus through community spread; and

WHEREAS, the determination to implement control measures involves consideration of the balance between the social utility of the control measure implements versus the effect of the measure on the private and public sectors ability to deliver goods and services to the general population and preserve the public confidence; and

WHEREAS, it appears the implementation of control measures to control the community spread of the virus by prohibiting the operation of electronic amusement machines in the City of Galveston is in the best interest of this community; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of control measures to these activities would not undermine the ability of the private and public sector to deliver essential goods and services to the general population.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

SECTION 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. No business located in the City of Galveston may allow continued operation of electronic amusement machines on their premises; electronic amusement machines are to be unplugged and unavailable for use by any patron of the business.

SECTION 3. This order does not prohibit the use of:

Stamp vending machines

Food vending machines

Beverage vending machines

Merchandise vending machines

SECTION 4. Any person who shall violate any provision of this ORDER shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a penal sum as allowed by law.

SECTION 5. That, in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration shall take effect immediately at 10:45 A.M. on March 24, 2020 and shall terminate seven days from the entry of this order or until further Order of the City.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED at 10:45 a.m. on this the 24th day of March 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

JAMES D. YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

ATTEST:

JANELLE WILLIAMS
CITY SECRETARY

CITY OF GALVESTON ★ 1839 ★

ORDER MANDATING CLOSURE OF COMMERCIAL FISHING PIER AND CHARTER BOAT OPERATIONS IN THE CITY OF GALVESTON ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF GALVESTON

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston, Texas has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 418 due to the Coronavirus/COVID 19; and

WHEREAS, information issued by the Federal Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health Services related to the Coronavirus have stressed undertaking steps to control the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, those entities have urged that the failure to take steps to diminish the spread of the virus will result in the overwhelming of the health care system in this area with a concomitant increase of mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has confirmed the presence of Corona virus in Galveston County caused by community spread with fourteen confirmed cases in Galveston County and more being contemplated; and

WHEREAS, the present emphasis is the control of community spread of the virus by limiting the number of citizens who are present within a given area; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Order, commercial fishing piers and charter boats are defined as those operations which charge a fee or some other consideration for an individual to come upon the premises or aboard the boat to engage in fishing or crabbing activities and for charter boats includes both bay and offshore charters; and

WHEREAS, the nature of commercial fishing piers and commercial charter operations is that people are concentrated in a limited area in close proximity to each other such they are unable to maintain the recommended distance between themselves and others engaging in the activity; and

WHEREAS, that close proximity of people utilizing commercial fishing piers and charter boats creates an instance which could allow transmission of the virus from one person to the next and requires the implementation of control measures; and

WHEREAS, the determination to implement control measures involves consideration of the balance between the social utility of the control measure implements versus the effect of the measure on the private and public sectors ability to deliver goods and services to the general population and preserve the public confidence; and

WHEREAS, it appears the implementation of control measures to control the community spread of the virus by closing commercial fishing piers and charter boat operations in the City of Galveston is appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any commercial fishing pier or charter boat to operate in the City of Galveston and such operations are Ordered to be closed.

SECTION 3. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Order shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a penal sum as allowed by law.

SECTION 4. In accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this order shall take effect immediately at 10:45 A.M. on March 24, 2020 and shall terminate seven days from the entry of this Order or until further Order of the City.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED, at 10:45 a.m. on this 24th day of March 2020.

JAMES YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

CITY OF GALVESTON ★ 1839 ★

ATTEST:

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

ORDER MANDATING THAT CITIZENS STAY IN PLACE IN THEIR RESIDENCE, MAKING EXCEPTIONS FOR THOSE ENGAGED IN ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES, BUSINESS OR GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS IN THE CITY OF GALVESTON ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF GALVESTON

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston, Texas has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 418 due to the Coronavirus/COVID 19; and

WHEREAS, information issued by the Federal Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health Services related to the Coronavirus have stressed undertaking steps to control the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, those entities have urged that the failure to take steps to diminish the spread of the virus will result in the overwhelming of the health care system in this area with a concomitant increase of mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has confirmed the presence of Corona virus in Galveston County caused by community spread with fourteen confirmed cases in Galveston County and more being contemplated; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has recommended the county and municipal jurisdictions impose a stay at home order; and

WHEREAS, Galveston County has issued a stay at home order for residents within Galveston County; and

WHEREAS, the present emphasis is the control of community spread of the virus by limiting the number of citizens who are present in a given area; and

WHEREAS, community control slowing the spread of the virus includes restricting the congregation of citizens so as to limit the number of citizens who might spread the virus; and

WHEREAS, the determination to implement control measures involves consideration of the balance between the social utility of the control measure implements versus the effect of the measure on the private and public sectors ability to deliver goods and services to the general population and preserve the public confidence; and

WHEREAS, it appears the implementation of control measures to control the community spread of the virus is in the best interest of this community; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of such control measures at public entertainment venues would not undermine the ability of the private and public sector to deliver essential goods and services to the general population.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

SECTION 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. It is ordered the following measures are placed in effect as of the time set forth in this Order:

(a) All individuals currently living within the City of Galveston are ordered to stay at home. For the purposes of this Order, residences include hotels, motels, shared rentals, and similar facilities. 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. All persons may leave their residences only for Essential Activities, or to provide or perform Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses, all as defined in below.

(b) All businesses operating within City of Galveston, except Essential Businesses as defined herein below, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the City. For clarity, businesses may continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e. working from home). To the greatest extent possible, all Essential Businesses shall comply with the Social Distancing Guidelines attached, including maintaining six-foot social distancing for both employees and the general public.

(c) All public or private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, except as otherwise provided herein. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.

(d) Restaurants with or without drive-in or drive-through services and microbreweries, micro-distilleries, or wineries may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-through services as allowed by law.

(e) 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, and all individuals must follow the Social Distancing Guidelines including the six-foot social distancing.

(f) All elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures are prohibited anywhere in City of Galveston. 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.

(g) For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following "Essential Activities":

i. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (for example, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies needed to work from home).

ii. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves 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 operation of residences.

iii. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with social distancing requirements of six feet (for example, walking, biking, hiking, or running).

iv. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order.

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

(h) For purposes of this Order, "Essential Businesses" means:

i. 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.

ii. Essential Government Functions. All services provided by 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." All Essential Government Functions shall be performed in compliance with social distancing

requirements of six feet, to the extent possible.

iii. 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), financial institutions, defense and national security-related operations, essential manufacturing operations provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet, to the extent possible. Essential Businesses providing essential infrastructure should implement screening precautions to protect employees and all activity shall be performed in compliance with social distancing guidelines attached.

(iv) Essential Retail. Food service providers, including grocery stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, bodegas, 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.

(v) 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.

(vi) 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.

(vii) News Media. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.

iix) Childcare Services. Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted.

i) Any manufacturer who retools so that a substantial part of their business is for the purpose of manufacturing and producing ventilators may apply for an "essential business" exemption under this Order.

j) Grocery stores, supermarkets, warehouse stores, hospitals, and medical facilities are experiencing high levels of demand for a large number of products, requiring more deliveries from manufacturers and distribution centers to serve their customers. A number of Texas cities and local associations have implemented restrictions on delivery hours to stores to mitigate truck noise and traffic. Due to the need to deliver products as quickly and efficiently as possible during this critical timeframe, this Order hereby suspends all delivery hour restrictions for transport to or from any entity involved in the selling or distribution of food products, medicine, or medical supplies in City of Galveston for the next 60 days.

k) Due to increased demand for bath or toilet tissue resulting from stock up buying and individuals who purchase for resale, a mandatory limit on toilet paper sales is instituted until the supply chain meets the demand or two weeks, whichever comes first. All sales of bath or toilet tissue occurring in City of Galveston are limited to the greater of: (a) twelve (12) rolls per purchase or (b) one (1) package per purchase.

l) If someone in a household has tested positive for coronavirus, the household is ordered to isolate at home for 14 days until or unless otherwise directed by the Local Health Authority. Members of the household cannot go to work, school, or any other community function.

m) Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities are instructed by this order to prohibit non-essential visitors from accessing their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or for end-of-life visitation.

n) Additionally, all employees are to remain at home if sick and will utilize the sick leave policies of their employer.

SECTION 3. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Order shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a penal sum as allowed by law.

SECTION 4. In accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this order shall take effect immediately at 10:45 A.M. on March 24, 2020 and shall terminate seven days from the entry of this Order or until further Order of the City.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED, at 10:45 a.m. on this 24th day of March 2020.

JAMES YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

ATTEST:

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

DCHHS Social Distancing Recommendations

1) **Vulnerable Populations: Limit Outings**
   - Vulnerable populations include people who are:
     - 60 years old and older.
     - People with certain health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease and weakened immune systems.
   - For vulnerable populations, don't go to gatherings unless it is essential. Stay home. Avoid people who are sick.

2) **Workplace and Businesses: Minimize Exposure**
   - Suspend nonessential employee travel.
   - Ensure employees practice social distancing and do not work within six feet of one another.
   - Urge essential employees to stay home when they are sick and maximize flexibility in sick leave benefits.
   - Do not require a doctor's note for employees who are sick.
   - Maximize telecommuting options.
   - Persons who need to be at work to provide essential services of great benefit to the community must take steps in their workplace to minimize risk.

3) **Cancel Non-essential Events**
   - Cancel non-essential events.
   - Do not attend any events or gatherings if sick.
   - For events that aren't cancelled, we recommend:
     - Having hand washing capabilities, hand sanitizers and tissues available.
     - Frequently cleaning high touch surface areas like counter tops and hand rails.
     - Finding ways to implement social distancing..

4) **Schools: Safety First**
   - Do not have your child attend school if sick.
   - If you have a child with chronic health conditions, consult the child's doctor about school attendance.
   - Schools should equip all classrooms with hand sanitizers and tissues.
   - Recommend rescheduling or cancelling events that are not essential.
   - Explore remote teaching and online options to continue learning.
   - Schools should develop a plan for citywide school closures, and families should prepare for further closures.

5) **Transit: Cleaning and Protection**
   - Increase cleaning of vehicles and high touch surface areas.
   - Provide hand washing/hand sanitizers and tissues in stations and on vehicles.

- Ensure social distancing practices are implemented to the full extent possible.

6) Health Care Settings: Avoid as possible, protect the vulnerable

- Long-term care facilities should have a COVID-19 plan in accordance with CDC or state guidelines.
- Long-term care facilities should restrict all visitation except for certain compassionate care situations, such as end of life situations.
- The general public should avoid going to medical settings such as hospitals, nursing homes and long-term care facilities, even if you are not ill.
- If you are ill, call your health care provider ahead of time, and you may be able to be served by phone.
- Do not visit emergency rooms unless it is essential.
- Follow guidance and directions of all facilities.

7) Everyone: Do your part

The best way for all City of Galveston residents to reduce their risk of getting sick, as with seasonal colds or the flu, still applies to prevent COVID-19:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Try alternatives to shaking hands, like an elbow bump or wave.
- If you have recently returned from a country, state or region with ongoing COVID-19 infections, monitor your health and follow the instructions of public health officials and CDC guidance.
- There is no recommendation to wear masks at this time to prevent yourself from getting sick.

You can also prepare for the disruption caused by an outbreak. Preparedness actions include:

- Prepare to work from home if that is possible for your job, and your employer.
- Make sure you have a supply of all essential medications for your family.
- Prepare a child care plan if you or a caregiver are sick.
- Make arrangements about how your family will manage school closures.
- Plan for how you can care for a sick family member without getting sick yourself.
- Take care of each other and check in by phone with friends, family and neighbors that are vulnerable to serious illness or death if they get COVID-19.
- Keep common spaces clean to help maintain a healthy environment for you and others. Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned regularly with disinfecting sprays, wipes or common household cleaning products.

ORDER MANDATING CLOSURE OF SHORT TERM RENTAL FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF GALVESTON ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF GALVESTON

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston, Texas has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 418 due to the Coronavirus/COVID 19; and

WHEREAS, information issued by the Federal Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health Services related to the Coronavirus have stressed undertaking steps to control the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, those entities have urged that the failure to take steps to diminish the spread of the virus will result in the overwhelming of the health care system in this area with a concomitant increase of mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has confirmed the presence of Corona virus in Galveston County caused by community spread with fourteen confirmed cases in Galveston County and more being contemplated; and

WHEREAS, the present emphasis is the control of community spread of the virus by limiting the number of citizens who are present in a given area; and

WHEREAS, community control slowing the spread of the virus includes restricting vehicular traffic on certain beaches to limit the number of citizens who might spread the virus; and

WHEREAS, short term rental locations, which provide rental of residential premises to third parties for periods of thirty days or less, in the City are currently operating and are typically occupied by a concentration of individuals within the unit who have come from a variety of places within the country some of which may have active shelter in place orders issued by their local governments, and the concentration of those individuals provides for vector of community spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, operators of short term rental units do not have the professional housekeeping staff and management present to ensure that appropriate cleaning and hygiene measures are enforced in their locations; and

WHEREAS, the determination to implement control measures involves consideration of the balance between the social utility of the control measure implements versus the effect of the measure on the private and public sectors ability to deliver goods and services to the general population and preserve the public confidence; and

WHEREAS, it appears the implementation of control measures to control the community spread of the virus by closing short term rentals in the City of Galveston is appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to rent or lease residential premises under their control to any third party as a short term rental. This Order does not apply to motels, hotels or bed and breakfasts that have on staff housekeeping and management staff who ensure proper health and cleaning protocols are utilized.

SECTION 3. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Order shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a penal sum as allowed by law.

SECTION 4. In accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this order shall take effect immediately at 10:45 A.M. on March 24, 2020 and shall terminate seven days from the entry of this Order or until further Order of the City.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED, at 10:45 a.m. on this 24th day of March 2020.

JAMES YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

ATTEST:

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

ORDER CLOSING PUBLIC BEACHES IN THE CITY OF GALVESTON
ISSUED BY
THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston, Texas, has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 418 related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus; and

WHEREAS, information issued by the federal Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health Services related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus have stressed undertaking steps to control of the virus; and

WHEREAS, those entities have urged that the failure to take steps to diminish the spread of the virus will result in the overwhelming of the health care system in this area with a concomitant increase of mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has confirmed the presence of Corona virus in Galveston County caused by community spread and the number of active cases in the County continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, the present emphasis is the control of community spread of the virus by limiting the number of citizens who are interacting within a given area; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a high concentration of citizens on the beaches in Galveston presents an opportunity for community spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the City has taken further steps to discourage people from congregating in highly concentrated groups by closing amenities at beaches and parks; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these control measures has been to diminish the numbers of visitors to the City and thereby curtail the concentration of individuals in areas to reduce the chance of community spread of the virus from person to person; and

WHEREAS, it appears that despite the efforts of the City to diminish the concentrations of citizens on the public beach have been unsuccessful based on the large number of individuals visiting the beach and robust control measures to prevent the spread of the virus are required.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER THAT:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes;

SECTION 2. For purposes of this Order, the term "beach" shall refer to the edge of the waters of the Gulf of Mexico to either: 1) the concrete monolith of the Seawall, or 2) the vegetation line running parallel to the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, or 3) the edge of the dunes running parallel to the waters of the Gulf of Mexico whichever apply.

SECTION 3. The beaches in the City of Galveston be and are hereby closed to the public

SECTION 4. It is a violation of this Order for any member of the public to enter onto the beach for any reason; this order may be enforced by any City of Galveston police officer, the City Marshall or any deputy City Marshall, or any member of the Galveston Beach Patrol.

SECTION 5. A violation of this Order shall be a Class C misdemeanor punishable as permitted by law.

SECTION 6. In accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration shall take effect immediately upon entry as set forth below and shall terminate seven days from the entry of this Order or until further Order of the City.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED at 2:45 pm this the 29th day of March 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

JAMES D. YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

ATTEST:

JANELLE WILLIAMS
CITY SECRETARY

CITY OF GALVESTON ★ 1839 ★

ORDER PROHIBITING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON CERTAIN BEACHES AND CLOSING CERTAIN BEACH ACCESS POINTS
ISSUED BY
THE MAYOR OF GALVESTON

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston, Texas has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 418 due to the Coronavirus/COVID 19;and

WHEREAS, information issued by the Federal Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health Services related to the Coronavirus have stressed undertaking steps to control the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, those entities have urged that the failure to take steps to diminish the spread of the virus will result in the overwhelming of the health care system in this area with a concomitant increase of mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has confirmed the presence of Corona virus in Galveston County caused by community spread, although the Health District refuses to identify the precise location within the County; and

WHEREAS, the present emphasis is the control of community spread of the virus by limiting the number of citizens who are present in a given area; and

WHEREAS, community control slowing the spread of the virus includes restricting vehicular traffic on certain beaches to limit the number of citizens who might spread the virus; and

WHEREAS, vehicular traffic includes both personal and commercial vehicles, golf carts and sport utility vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the beaches will remain open to pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, affected beaches include Beach Access Point 35 and all Beach Access Points west to the San Luis Pass bridge, and all beaches west of Beach Access Point 35 up to and including beaches surrounding the bridge at San Luis Pass, and all beaches north and south of FM 3005, from Galveston Bay to the Gulf of Mexico west of access point 35, as seen on Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, the determination to implement control measures involves consideration of the balance between the social utility of the control measure implements versus the effect of the measure on the private and public sectors ability to deliver goods and services to the general population and preserve the public confidence; and

WHEREAS, it appears the implementation of control measures to control the community spread of the virus by closing vehicular traffic on certain beaches.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION I. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle, golf cart or sport utility vehicle on any beach west of Beach Access Point 35 up to and including beaches surrounding the bridge at San Luis Pass, and all beaches north and south of FM 3005, from Galveston Bay to the Gulf of Mexico west of access point 35, as seen on Attachment A.

SECTION 3. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Order shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a penal sum as allowed by law.

SECTION 4. That, in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this order shall take effect immediately at 11:00 a.m. on March 20, 2020 and shall terminate seven days from the entry of this Order or until further Order of the City.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED, at 11:00 a.m. this 20th day oftv1arch 2020.

JAMES YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

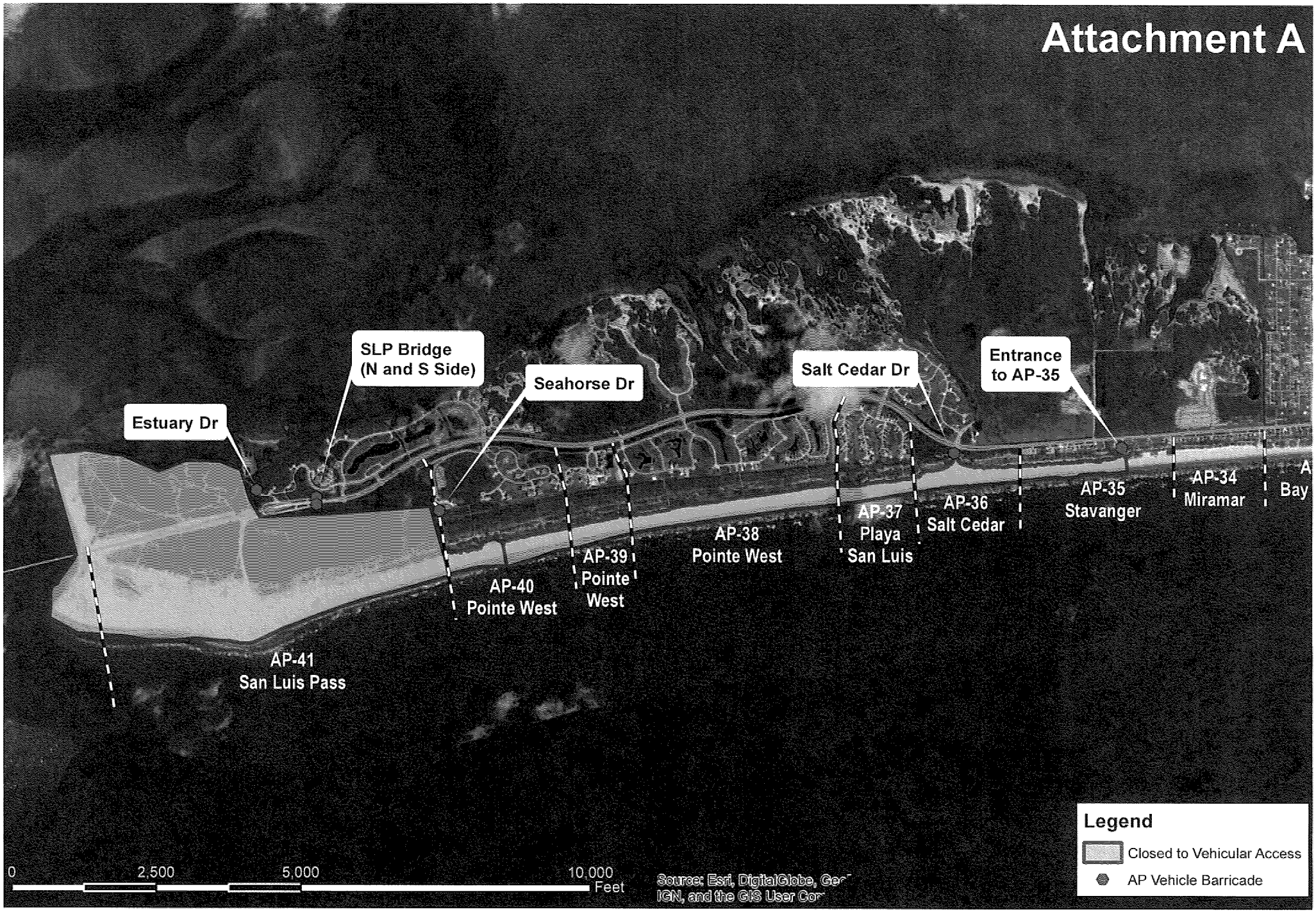
ATTEST:

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

Attachment A



City of Galveston, Beach Access Points West of Bay Harbor Subdivision
Map prepared by the City of Galveston Development Services Department (dhenry) - 3/20/2020

Data Sources: Topographic Data from Atkins July 2017 wading depth surveys, Aerial Imagery from ESRI, and Parcel Data from Galveston CAD.
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ORDER CLOSING PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS POINTS
WEST OF THE WESTERN TERMINUS OF THE SEAWALL
IN THE CITY OF GALVESTON
ISSUED BY
THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston, Texas, has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 418 related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus; and

WHEREAS, both the federal Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health Services related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus have stressed undertaking steps to control of the virus; and

WHEREAS, those entities have urged that the failure to take steps to diminish the spread of the virus will result in the overwhelming of the health care system in this area with a concomitant increase of mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has confirmed the presence of Corona virus in Galveston County caused by community spread and the number of active cases in the County continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, the present emphasis is the control of community spread of the virus by limiting the number of citizens who are interacting within a given area; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a high concentration of citizens on the beaches in Galveston presents an opportunity for community spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the City has taken further steps to discourage people from congregating in highly concentrated groups by closing amenities at beaches and parks; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these control measures has been to diminish the numbers of visitors to the City and thereby curtail the concentration of individuals in areas to reduce the chance of community spread of the virus from person to person; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the efforts of the City to diminish the concentrations of citizens on the public beach have been unsuccessful based on the large number of individuals concentrated at the parking area of the designated beach access points west of the western terminus of the Galveston Seawall and to control this opportunity for the spread of the virus more robust measures are required.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER THAT:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Order are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes;

SECTION 2. For purposes of this Order, the term "beach access points" shall refer to the points of access to the beach from FM 3005 and identified as beach access points in the City's dune and beach access plan, typically but not always identified as beach access points by signage, and which are situated west of the western terminus of the Galveston Seawall.

SECTION 3. The term "vehicle" in this order shall refer to any mode of conveyance with two of more wheels powered by an electric or internal combustion engine, and shall include, but not limited to, mopeds, motorcycles, golf carts, automobiles and trucks.

SECTION 4. It is hereby Ordered that beach access points west of the western terminus of the Galveston Seawall be and are hereby closed to vehicle traffic. It is a violation of this Order for any member of the public to drive a vehicle onto the beach utilizing a beach access point for any reason.

SECTION 5 This order may be enforced by any City of Galveston police officer, the City Marshall or any deputy City Marshall, or any peace officer of the State of Texas

SECTION 6. In accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration shall take effect immediately upon entry as set forth below and shall terminate seven days from the entry of this Order or until further Order of the City.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED at 1:00 pm this the 29th day of March 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

JAMES D. YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

ATTEST:

JANELLE WILLIAMS
CITY SECRETARY

CITY OF GALVESTON ★ 1839 ★

AMENDED ORDER MANDATING CLOSURE OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF GALVESTON ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF GALVESTON

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston, Texas has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 418 due to the Coronavirus/COVID 19; and

WHEREAS, information issued by the Federal Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health Services related to the Coronavirus have stressed undertaking steps to control the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, those entities have urged that the failure to take steps to diminish the spread of the virus will result in the overwhelming of the health care system in this area with a concomitant increase of mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has confirmed the presence of Corona virus in Galveston County caused by community spread with a growing number of confirmed cases in Galveston County every day and more being contemplated; and

WHEREAS, the present emphasis is the control of community spread of the virus by limiting the number of citizens who are present in a given area; and

WHEREAS, community control slowing the spread of the virus includes restricting vehicular traffic on certain beaches to limit the number of citizens who might spread the virus; and

WHEREAS, short term rental locations, which provide rental of residential premises to third parties for periods of thirty days or less, in the City have been closed pursuant to the Emergency Order signed by Mayor on March 24, 2020 but further restrictions are required to enforce that Order; and

WHEREAS, it appears the implementation of control measures to control the community spread of the virus by imposing additions restrictions on short term rentals in the City of Galveston is appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. For purposes of this Order a "short-term rental" shall be defined as the leasing of a premises for the purpose of occupancy to an individual or individuals with a where the duration of the lease is for thirty days or less.

SECTION 3. The operation of short term rental units in the City of Galveston is ordered to be and is prohibited effective on entry of this Order.

SECTION 4. For the purposes of this Order, the term "agent or broker" shall include any person, business, or entity who lease short term rental units on behalf of the owner or person in possession or control of the premises being leased.

SECTION 5. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a short-term rental to lease the unit to an individual or individuals. Each such rental shall constitute a separate offense. Each day of occupancy shall constitute a separate offense. This prohibition goes into effect immediately upon entry of this Order.

SECTION 6. It shall be unlawful for the agent or broker of a short-term rental to the lease the unit to an individual or individuals. Each such rental shall constitute a separate offense. Each day of occupancy shall constitute a separate offense. The leasing of a short-term rental by an agent or broker does not relieve the owner of liability under this Order. This prohibition goes into effect immediately upon entry of this Order

SECTION 7. It shall be unlawful for the an individual or individuals to occupy a short-term rental unit in the City of Galveston. Each occupant of the unit shall be subject to enforcement of this Order. Each day of occupancy shall constitute a separate offense. This prohibition goes into effect immediately upon entry of this Order.

SECTION 8. Nothing in this Order shall prohibit the leasing of premises for a period in excess of thirty days; however, the occupancy of a unit shall be presumed to be for thirty days or less unless documentation is produced upon demand by an official enforcing this Order in the form of a fully executed lease renting the premises for a period in excess of thirty days with proof of payment of all deposits and rental payment required in the lease.

SECTION 9. Individuals occupying in a short-term rental in the City of Galveston are ordered to vacate the premises immediately upon entry of this Order.

SECTION 10. Nothing in this Order shall prohibit admission of an individual to a short-term rental pursuant to a contract entered into directly by the owner or agent with an agency of the federal or state government to house persons deemed essential by the governmental entity or military personnel. A copy of the rental agreement executed by the owner and agency shall be produced upon demand of an official enforcing this Order.

SECTION 11. Nothing in this Order shall prohibit admission of an individual to a short-term rental pursuant to a contract entered into directly between the owner or agent and the County of Galveston or the City of Galveston to house persons deemed essential by those entities. A copy of the rental agreement executed by the owner or agent and the County or City shall be produced upon demand of an official enforcing this Order.

SECTION 12. Nothing in this Order shall prohibit admission of an individual to a short-term rental pursuant to a contract entered into a person engaged in an essential service as defined in the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION 13. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Order shall be deemed guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a penalty sum as allowed by law.

SECTION 14. In accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this order shall take effect immediately at 5:00 p.m. on March 27, 2020 and shall terminate seven days from the entry of this Order or until further Order of the City.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED, at 4:00 p.m. on this 27th day of March 2020.

JAMES D. YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

ATTEST:

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT A

The following are defined as essential services for the purpose of this Order on the condition the services are performed on or from the City of Galveston:

1) 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.

2) Essential Government Functions. All services provided by 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." All Essential Government Functions shall be performed in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet, to the extent possible.

3) 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), financial institutions, defense and national security-related operations, essential manufacturing operations provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet, to the extent possible. Essential Businesses providing essential infrastructure should implement screening precautions to protect employees and all activity shall be performed in compliance with social distancing guidelines attached.

4) Essential Retail. Food service providers, including grocery stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, bodegas, 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.

5) 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 otherwiseneedy individuals.

6) 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.

7) News Media. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.

8) Childcare Services. Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted.

ORDER CLOSING BED AND BREAKFAST FACILITIES AND HOTELS OPERATING IN THE CITY OF GALVESTON ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston, Texas, has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 418 related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus; and

WHEREAS, information issued by the federal Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health Services related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus have stressed undertaking steps to control of the virus; and

WHEREAS, those entities have urged that the failure to take steps to diminish the spread of the virus will result in the overwhelming of the health care system in this area with a concomitant increase of mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has confirmed the presence of Corona virus in Galveston County caused by community spread and the number of active cases in the County continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, the present emphasis is the control of community spread of the virus by limiting the number of citizens who are interacting within a given area; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a high concentration of citizens in restaurants and bars open to the public presented an opportunity for community spread of the virus and the City has previously issued orders closing them except for take-out and delivery operations; and

WHEREAS, the City has taken further steps to discourage people from visiting the City by closing amenities at beaches and parks and prohibiting the lease of Short-Term Rentals in the City; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these control measures has been to diminish the numbers of visitors to the City and thereby curtail the concentration of individuals in areas to reduce the chance of community spread of the virus from person to person; and

WHEREAS, since the time of the closure of restaurants and bars in the City there has been a steady increase in the number of active Corona/Covid 19 infections in the County and such increase warrants further control measures be undertaken to control the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, it appears that despite the efforts of the City to diminish the number of visitors to the City those efforts have been frustrated by local hotels booking and accepting guests that are not essential employees of essential businesses operating in or from Galveston in direct conflict with the public health measures undertaken by the City to reduce the opportunities for the spread of the virus and therefore more robust control measures are required.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER, THAT:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes;

SECTION 2. For purposes of this Order, the term "hotel" shall refer to hotels, motels, tourist courts, and bed and breakfast facilities.

SECTION 3. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a hotel to lease a hotel room to a guest. Each such rental shall constitute a separate offense. Each day of occupancy shall constitute a separate offense. This prohibition goes into effect immediately upon entry of this Order.

SECTION 4. It shall be unlawful for an individual to lease a hotel room from the operator of a hotel. Each such rental shall constitute a separate offense. Each day of occupancy shall constitute a separate offense. This prohibition goes into effect immediately upon entry of this Order.

SECTION 5. The prohibition contained in this Order shall not extend to the rental of rooms to those individuals identified as essential employees by entities identified as essential businesses which are identified on the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION 6. Guests registered in a hotel as of the effective time of this Order shall vacate the premises not later than 10:00 a.m. on Saturday March 28, 2020.

SECTION 7. Nothing in this Order shall prohibit admission of an individual to the hotel facility pursuant to a contract entered into directly by the hotel with an agency of the federal or state government to house persons deemed essential by the governmental entity or military personnel.

SECTION 8. Nothing in this Order shall prohibit admission of an individual to the hotel facility pursuant to a contract entered into directly between the hotel and the County of Galveston or the City of Galveston to house persons deemed essential by those entities.

SECTION 9. Nothing in this Order shall prohibit the hotel from continuing operation of an on premises restaurant; however all congregate dining areas will be closed; food prepared by an on premises restaurant will be delivered to essential guests' rooms by use of room service.

SECTION 10. A violation of this Order shall be a Class C misdemeanor punishable as permitted by law.

SECTION 11. In accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration shall take effect at 5:00 p.m. on March 27, 2020 and shall terminate seven days from the entry of this Order or until further Order of the City.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED at 4:00 pm this the 27th day of March 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

JAMES D. YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

ATTEST:

JANELLE WILLIAMS
CITY SECRETARY

CITY OF GALVESTON ★ 1839 ★

EXHIBIT A

The following are defined as essential services for the purpose of this Order on the condition the services are performed on or from the City of Galveston:

1) 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.

2) Essential Government Functions. All services provided by 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." All Essential Government Functions shall be performed in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet, to the extent possible.

3) 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), financial institutions, defense and national security-related operations, essential manufacturing operations provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet, to the extent possible. Essential Businesses providing essential infrastructure should implement screening precautions to protect employees and all activity shall be performed in compliance with social distancing guidelines attached.

4) Essential Retail. Food service providers, including grocery stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, bodegas, 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.

5) 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 otherwiseneedy individuals.

6) 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.

7) News Media. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.

8) Childcare Services. Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted.

ORDER REQUIRING A MINIMUM PERIOD OF STAY FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN RV PARKS OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY OF GALVESTON AND PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN ANY PUBLIC PARK OR COMMERCIAL PARKING LOT IN THE CITY OF GALVESTON ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston, Texas, has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 418 related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus; and

WHEREAS, information issued by the federal Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health Services related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus have stressed undertaking steps to control of the virus; and

WHEREAS, those entities have urged that the failure to take steps to diminish the spread of the virus will result in the overwhelming of the health care system in this area with a concomitant increase of mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has confirmed the presence of Corona virus in Galveston County caused by community spread and the number of active cases in the County continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, the present emphasis is the control of community spread of the virus by limiting the number of citizens who are present in a given area;

WHEREAS, we are presently at this time of year designated as spring break during which the number of visitors to the City of Galveston rises dramatically increasing the density of individuals on the island with a concomitant increase of the risk of transmission of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the closure of schools and businesses in numerous areas as a result of control measures undertaken in response to the present public health emergency has also resulted in increased visitation to the City of Galveston increasing the density of individuals on the island with a concomitant increase of the risk of transmission of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the presence of transient recreational vehicles at RV parks and public parks and private commercial lots results in an increased the number of visitors to the City, and the occupants of such vehicles are contained in an enclosed confined space which facilitates the transmission of the virus more easily; and

WHEREAS, the determination to implement control measures involves consideration of the balance between the social utility of the control measure implements versus the effect of the measure on the private and public sectors ability to deliver goods and services to the general population and preserve the public confidence; and

WHEREAS, the City has taken several control measures to reduce the number of visitors to the City by the entry of Orders and also reduce the risk of community spread of the virus by closing restaurants, bars,

public entertainment venues, and short term rental units, but there has been an increase in the presence of recreational vehicles in the City at various locations, the occupants of which are typically highly mobile and have visited numerous locations with varying degrees of infection by the Corona virus, which frustrates the purpose of the control measures implemented by the City; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of this Order, the term "recreational vehicle" includes Class A, B and C motor homes, travel trailers and fifth wheels and any other driven or towed vehicle designed for people to live in either on a limited or long-term basis; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this Order, the term RV park refers to a location making available to recreational vehicle owners a place to park their RV for a period of time not to exceed sixty days; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this Order, the term "public park" shall refer to any place on the Galveston Seawall, any beach access point in the City of Galveston, any parking lot owned by a governmental entity within the City, and any area owned by a public entity used for recreation of any kind; and

WHEREAS, the term "commercial lot" shall refer to a parcel of real property owned by a public or private entity used to park motor vehicles of any kind.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER, THAT:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. RV parks located within the City of Galveston are prohibited from allowing an RV to be parked in their facility for a period of less than thirty days; any lease, rental or license to use a parking space in an RV park in the city shall be required to be for a period of thirty-one days or more and be evidenced by a commensurate rent, lease or license charge. The operator of an RV park who enters into an agreement to allow and RV to be parked for a period of less than thirty days shall be in violation of this Order. Each agreement to park and RV shall be deemed a separate offense. Each day of violation shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

SECTION 3. An operator of an RV may not park the RV in a public park for a period in excess of two hours; parking in a public park in excess of two hours shall be a violation of this Order.

SECTION 4. An operator of an RV may not park the RV in a commercial lot for a period in excess of two hours; parking in a commercial lot in excess of two hours shall be a violation of this Order.

SECTION 5. This Oder shall not apply to those persons performing essential services as defined in the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION 6. Individuals occupying a space in an RV park in the City of Galveston are ordered to vacate the premises by 10 a.m. on March 28, 2020.

SECTION 7. Any person who shall violate any provision of this ORDER shall be deemed guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a penal sum as allowed by law.

SECTION 8. In accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration shall take effect at 5:00 p.m.. on March 27, 2020 and shall terminate seven days from the entry of this order or until further Order of the City.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED at 4:00 pm on this the 27th day of March 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

JAMES D. YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

ATTEST

JANELLE WILLIAMS
CITY SECRETARY

CITY OF GALVESTON ★ 1839 ★

ORDER GRANTING CITY STAFF AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND THE APPLICATION OF BUILDING CODE AND FLOOD PLAIN REGULATIONS AT THE GALVESTON SCHOLES FIELD SO AS TO ALLOW THE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY COVID 19 SCREENING FACILTIES BY PHI AVIATION LLC FOR THE SCREENING OF ITS EMPLOYEES, PASSENGERS AND CUSTOMERS USING THE AIRPORT LEASEHOLD FACILIITES ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston, Texas, has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 418 related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus; and

WHEREAS, both the federal Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health Services related to the Corona/Covid 19 virus have stressed undertaking steps to control of the virus; and

WHEREAS, those entities have urged that the failure to take steps to diminish the spread of the virus will result in the overwhelming of the health care system in this area with a concomitant increase of mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has confirmed the presence of Corona virus in Galveston County caused by community spread and the number of active cases in the County continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, the present emphasis is the control of community spread of the virus by limiting the number of citizens who are interacting within a given area; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a high concentration of citizens on the beaches in Galveston presents an opportunity for community spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the City has taken further steps to discourage people from congregating in highly concentrated groups to reduce the chance of community spread of the virus from person to person; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of industries essential to the economic health of this community, state and country which must continue to operate during this time of crisis, one of which is the offshore oil industry; and

WHEREAS, PHI Aviation LLC, hereinafter "PHI", serves an essential function in the offshore oil industry through the transport of workers to offshore oil platforms which necessitates placement of individuals in close quarters in the helicopters utilized for transport; and

WHEREAS, PHI has recognized the health risk posed by its operations and desires to take steps to minimize the spread of the Coronavirus by screening its personnel and customers for the virus before entering onto their facilities and propose to place temporary screening structures at their leasehold at Scholes Field; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the placement of such structures by PHI will be a positive step in the control of the spread of the virus and wishes to accommodate this proposal which will be in furtherance of the public health.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER THAT:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Order are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes;

SECTION 2. Staff as designated by the City Manager of the City of Galveston be granted the authority to waive those building and flood plain regulations as may be requested by PHI which would otherwise prevent the placement of temporary structures at Scholes Field for the sole use as Corona virus/COVID 19 screening areas for their employees and customers using their facilities in Galveston.

SECTION 3. City staff will ensure that the buildings will be made compliant with applicable building regulations or promptly removed from the premises upon termination of the state of emergency in the City.

SECTION 4. In accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this declaration shall take effect immediately upon entry as set forth below and shall terminate seven days from the entry of this Order or until further Order of the City.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED at 10:00 am this the 1st day of April 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD S. GLYWASKY
CITY ATTORNEY

JAMES D. YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

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