

**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.

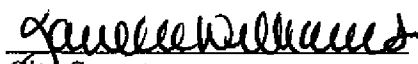
SECTION 3. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Order shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a penal sum as allowed by law.

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

  
JAMES YARBROUGH  
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

ATTEST:

  
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
DONALD S. GLYWASKY  
CITY ATTORNEY

