

**ORDER GRANTING CITY STAFF AUTHORITY
TO SUSPEND THE APPLICATION OF BUILDING CODE AND FLOOD
PLAIN REGULATIONS AT THE GALVESTON SCHOLLES 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**

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:



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CITY ATTORNEY



JAMES D. YARBROUGH
MAYOR, CITY OF GALVESTON

ATTEST:



JANELLE WILLIAMS
CITY SECRETARY

