

AN ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JOURDANTON AMENDING AND SUPERSEDING THE PRIOR RULES AND REGULATIONS OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR THE DURATION OF THE DISASTER; RESTRICTING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

WHEREAS, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the COVID-19 outbreak should be characterized as pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the growing number of COVID-19 cases that have spread into the United States; and

WHEREAS, over 55,330 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in the United States, including 804 deaths; and

WHEREAS, President Trump declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott declared a public health disaster on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, reports received as of March 24, 2020, report more than 803 cases in Texas, and 9 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, Covid-19 is more contagious than seasonal influenza once symptoms appear, it may be possible to control by testing widely and quickly isolating those who have the disease; and

WHEREAS, DSHS, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and other state agencies continue their ongoing preparations so that all of state government is working together to limit the spread of the virus and protect Texans; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control recommends the use of videoconferencing for meetings when possible, and adjusting or postponing large meetings or gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control recommends citizens stay home if they are feeling

sick or when they have a sick family member in their home; and

WHEREAS, households with vulnerable seniors and those with underlying health conditions should conduct themselves as if they were a significant risk to the person with underlying conditions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the mayor is designated as the emergency management director of the City of Jourdanton, and may exercise the powers granted to the governor on an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease, including isolation, surveillance, quarantine, or placement of persons under public health observation, including the provision of temporary housing or emergency shelters for persons misplaced or evacuated and request assistance from the governor of state resources; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, and promote the health and safety of Jourdanton residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jourdanton will work collaboratively with Atascosa County to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction and spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, by a Declaration of Public Health Emergency, all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the incident; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the Mayor under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist in the City's response to this situation are authorized; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Williams, the Mayor of the City of Jourdanton, Texas has determined, and the City Council has affirmed, that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JOURDANTON, TEXAS:


Section 1. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Order for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Mayor and as a superseding order to that

approved and adopt by the City Council.

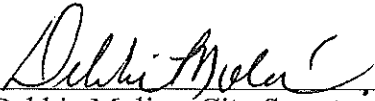
- Section 2. That the local state of disaster and public health emergency declared by Mayor Williams for the City of Jourdanton pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code and as renewed and extended until the April 20th meeting of the City Council by the Jourdanton City Council through the adoption of an Ordinance pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, is hereby superseded and amended to extent of any conflict set forth in the rules and regulation, as attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- Section 3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Clerk.
- Section 4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency activates the City of Jourdanton's participation in any city, county or state emergency management plan.
- Section 5. Pursuant to §418.020(c) of the Government Code, this declaration authorizes the City to commandeer or use any private property, temporarily acquire, by lease or other means, sites required for temporary housing units or emergency shelters, subject to compensation requirements.
- Section 6. Pursuant to §122.005 of the Health and Safety Code, this declaration authorizes the City to prevent the introduction of a communicable disease into the municipality, including stopping, detaining, and examining a person coming from a place that is infected or believed to be infected with a communicable disease; establish, maintain, and regulate hospitals in the municipality or in any area within five miles of the municipal limits; or abate any nuisance that is or may become injurious to the public health by adopting rules necessary or expedient to promote health or suppress disease; or to prevent the introduction of a communicable disease into the municipality, including quarantine rules, and may enforce those rules in the municipality and in any area within 10 miles of the municipality.
- Section 7. This Order shall be in force and effect from the time of execution, and any publication required by law, and shall expire unless extended by the City Council at 11:59 PM on April 20, 2020.

ORDERED THIS THE 25th DAY of MARCH, 2020.

CITY OF JOURDANTON, TEXAS

By: 
Robert A. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Debbie Molina, City Secretary

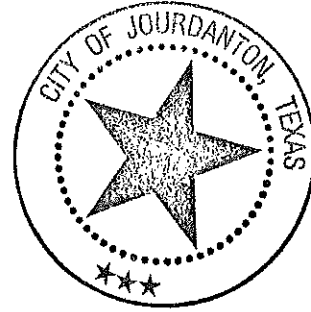


EXHIBIT A

Public Health Emergency Rules and Regulations

All public places and places of business:

1. Requested to provide sanitation stations outside of their business
2. Public places are to sanitize all public areas every hour
3. All public and private gatherings and public spaces are limited to an occupancy of 10 persons maximum effectively immediately.
4. This provision shall not apply to the Jourdanton Independent School District facilities or Atascosa County facilities.
5. People should keep a distance of 6 feet apart.
6. We are encouraging individuals living in Jourdanton to stay at home consistent with the direction and guidance in the Declaration.

City processes:

1. All municipal buildings shall be disinfected daily.
2. In person payments shall not be accepted. Online, drop box, drive thru and mail-in payments ONLY at City Hall.
3. Municipal Court settings for the next 30 days shall be continued and reset, and no in person pleas will be accepted.
4. Playground equipment in city parks are closed until further notice
5. City Library and event center shall limit occupancy to 10 persons maximum.

General:

All employers are recommended to enforce employee policies directing sick employees to isolate and stay home and out of the public except for securing medical care.

All public gathering events scheduled to be held in Jourdanton where more than 10 attendees are anticipated within the next 35 days shall be rescheduled.

Violations shall be considered a Class C misdemeanor with a penalty not to exceed \$2000.00.
General penalty for violations of code; continuing violations.