

## **THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

### **Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency Related to Communicable Disease – Order No. 1**

#### **STAY HOME – WORK SAFE**

**WHEREAS**, the conditions necessitating the aforesaid declaration continue to exist; and,

**WHEREAS**, in his March 22, 2020, press conference, the Governor of the State of Texas acknowledged that cities may need to enact more stringent measures to address this public health emergency; and,

**WHEREAS**, because of the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, the need to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, the intent to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling essential services to continue, and the desire to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible, this Order No. 1 (herein sometimes called this “Order”) is required; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2020, Mayor Ken Jordan, as Mayor of the City of San Saba, Texas, issued a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency for the City of San Saba resulting from the global pandemic of the novel coronavirus designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Order is issued pursuant to the powers set out in Section 418.108, Texas Government Code and based on evidence of increasing occurrence of COVID-19 throughout the central Texas area, scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, and evidence that the age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of the City places it at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, making the problem worse, some individuals who contract the COVID-19 virus have mild or no symptoms, which means they may not be aware they carry the virus and that people without symptoms can transmit the disease, and because evidence shows the disease is easily spread, gatherings can result in transmission of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the scientific evidence shows that at this stage of the emergency, it is essential to slow virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the healthcare system from being overwhelmed; and

**WHEREAS**, one proven way to slow the transmission of the COVID-19 virus is to limit interactions among people to the greatest extent practicable; and

**WHEREAS**, by reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this Order helps preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in the City;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED BY KEN JORDAN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAN SABA, TEXAS:**

- Sec. 1. The Mayor's Declaration of local disaster and public health emergency shall continue in effect until the San Saba City Council terminates its consent to the continuation of this declaration or until this declaration is terminated by order of the Mayor, whichever occurs first.
- Sec. 2. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d), Texas Government Code, all officers and employees of the City of San Saba, including without limitation all law enforcement officers employed by the City of San Saba and any emergency medical personnel employed or contracted by the City of San Saba, are hereby authorized and directed to continue to cooperate to the fullest extent allowed by law with the health authority designated by the City of San Saba pursuant to Chapter 121 of the Texas Health and Safety Code to enforce any and all communicable disease control measures imposed by said health authority pursuant to Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code or other applicable law.
- Sec. 3. All individuals currently living within the City of San Saba, Texas (the "City") are ordered to shelter at their place of residence. 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 (6) feet from any other person when they are outside their residence. All persons may leave their residences only for Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses, all as defined in Section 7. Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt from this Section, but are strongly urged to obtain shelter, and entities are strongly urged to make such shelter available as soon as possible and to the maximum extent practicable and to utilize Social Distancing Requirements in their operation.
- Sec. 4. All businesses with a facility in the city, except Essential Businesses as defined below in Section 7, are required to cease activities at facilities located within the City except Minimum Basic Operations as defined in Section 7. For clarity, businesses may also continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e., working from home). All Essential Businesses are strongly encouraged to remain open; however, even Essential Businesses are encouraged to determine essential staff necessary to operate and to send non-essential staff home. To the greatest extent feasible, Essential Businesses shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 7 below, including, but not limited to, when any customers are standing in line.
- Sec. 5. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited purposes expressly permitted in Section 7. Nothing in this order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.
- Sec. 6. All travel, except Essential Travel and Essential Activities as defined below in Section 7, is prohibited. This Order allows travel into or out of the City to perform Essential Activities, operate Essential Businesses or maintain Essential Governmental Functions.
- Sec. 7. Definitions and Exemptions:

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

1. 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 (including, but not limited to pets), such as, by way of example only and without limitation, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies they need to work from home;

2. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others such as, by way of example only and without limitation, canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.

3. To engage in outdoor activity, such as, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, running or riding a bicycle. Except for members of a residence who are sheltering together, all individuals shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section;

4. To perform work providing Essential Products and Services at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order, including Minimum Basic Operations; and

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

But people at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are urged to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care.

B. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to work for or obtain services at any Healthcare Operations including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical, and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. "Healthcare Operations" also includes veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined, "Healthcare Operations" does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities.

C. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to provide any services or perform any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of "Essential Infrastructure," which is defined as the 16 critical infrastructure sectors as identified by the National Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), including, but not limited to, 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, and essential manufacturing operations, provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section, to the extent possible.

D. For purposes of this Order, all first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel, and others who need to perform essential services are categorically exempt from this Order. Further, nothing in this Order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing "Essential Governmental Functions," as determined by the governmental entity performing those functions. Each governmental entity shall identify and designate appropriate employees or contractors to continue providing and carrying out any Essential Governmental Functions. All Essential Governmental Functions shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section, to the extent possible.

E. For the purposes of this Order, covered businesses include any for-profit, non-profit, or educational entities, regardless of the nature of the service, the function they perform, or its corporate or entity structure.

F. For the purpose of this Order, "Essential Businesses" means:

1. Healthcare Operations and Essential Infrastructure;
2. Grocery stores, certified farmers' markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products), and liquor stores. This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences;
3. Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;
4. Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals;
5. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services;
6. Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities;
7. Banks and related financial institutions;
8. Hardware and construction supply stores;
9. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses;
10. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
11. Laundromats, drycleaners, and laundry service providers;
12. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out.
13. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home;

14. Businesses that supply other Essential Businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate;

15. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences;

16. Airplanes or other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order;

17. Home-based care for seniors, adults or children

18. Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults and/or children:

19. Professional services: legal, accounting, insurance, real estate services (including appraisal, survey, and title services);

20. Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted;

21. Utilities, telecommunications, trash collection and disposal, law enforcement, EMS/ambulance, corrections, dispatch, animal shelters, governmental employees who have not been specifically deemed non-essential and sent home by the government entity;

22. Janitorial and maintenance services, funeral industry, defense industry, space and technology industry, technology support, and scientific research; and

23. Religious services provided in residences, Healthcare Operations, at funerals, or provided online while being broadcast from a religious facility.

G. For the purposes of this Order, "Minimum Basic Operations" include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section, to the extent possible while carrying out such operations;

1. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions; and

2. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

H. For the purposes of this Order, "Essential Travel" includes travel for any of the following purposes:

1. Any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses, or Minimum Basic Operations;

2. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons;

3. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services;

4. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction;

5. Travel required by law enforcement or court order; or

6. Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the City. Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that their transportation out of the City remains available and functional prior to commencing such travel.

Individuals engaged in any Essential Travel must comply with all Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section.

I. For purposes of this Order, residences include hotels, motels, shared rental units, and similar facilities.

J. For purposes of this Order, "Social Distancing Requirements" includes maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands or with a paper tissue or cloth), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

Sec. 8. Non-essential businesses shall shut down except for maintaining Minimum Basic Operations as defined herein. Essential Businesses exempted from shut-down are encouraged to determine staff who are essential to operations and to send nonessential staff home.

Sec. 9. When people need to leave their places of residence, whether to obtain or perform vital services, or to otherwise facilitate authorized activities necessary for continuity of social and commercial life, they should at all times reasonably possible comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 7 above.

Sec. 10. A general local curfew is hereby instituted throughout the City of San Saba. The curfew will be in effect daily from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. and shall include but not be limited to the prohibition on pedestrian and vehicular movement, standing, and parking. The following exceptions shall apply within the City of San Saba:

- Provision of essential state, county and City of San Saba emergency services and hospital services such as fire, emergency management, police, hospital, including transportation of patients thereto;
- Utility emergency repairs;
- Emergency calls by physicians;
- Food delivery and third party food delivery services;
- Walking of dogs within 250 feet of the owner's residence;
- Travel through the City of San Saba on State and County roadways, specifically Highways 16 and 190, by individuals not residing within the City; and
- Travel to and from work by employees of Essential Businesses as defined in Section 7, herein.

Sec. 11. Sections 7 through 10 in this Order shall become effective at 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2020, and shall continue in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 7, 2020.

Sec. 12. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate its intent.

Sec. 13. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health.

Sec. 14. In accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this Order commits an offense punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 and/or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days, and each day or portion of a day that such a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

The City of San Saba shall promptly provide copies of this Order by posting it on the City of San Saba website. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy.

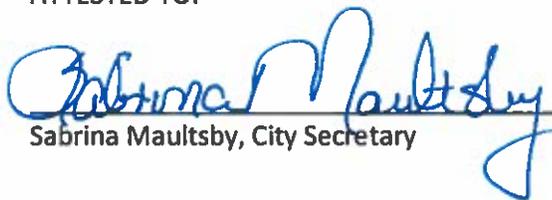
If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

Except as expressly provided otherwise herein, this Order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

**PROCLAIMED and ORDERED** this 31st day of March 2020.

  
Ken Jordan  
Mayor, City of San Saba

ATTESTED TO:

  
Sabrina Maultsby, City Secretary

