

ORDER NO. 2020-1-C

THIRD AMENDED ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RIO GRANDE CITY INSTITUTING EMERGENCY MEASURES DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATED TO CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Government declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020 due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott declared a State of Disaster in Texas on March 13, 2020, due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Villarreal declared a local disaster on March 17, 2020, due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, Mayor and City Commission further determined it reasonable and necessary to extend the Order to be effective until April 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2020, Mayor and City Commission further determined it reasonable and necessary to extend the Disaster Declaration and Order to be effective until April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, Governor Abbott issued The Governor's Report to Open Texas and Corresponding Executive Order (GA-18); and

WHEREAS, GA-18 suspends Sections 418.1015(b) and 418.108 of the Texas Government Code and other relevant statutes, to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not impose restrictions inconsistent with GA-18; and

WHEREAS, all other previous local regulations imposed by the City of Rio Grande City are still valid to the extent that they are not inconsistent with GA-18; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rio Grande City Commission has determined that it is reasonable and necessary to extend the Disaster Declaration until May 30, 2020 and approve the revised Order, as compliant with GA-18, to remain effective until May 30, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CITY OF RIO GRANDE CITY, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

Section 1. All residents, visitors, and businesses, shall comply with the Governor's GA-18 Executive Order, such regulations as identified in the Governor's Report to Open Texas shall be made available upon request with the City Secretary's Office.

Section 2. People shall avoid using bars, gyms, public swimming pools, interactive amusement venues such as bowling alleys and video arcades, massage establishments, tattoo studios, piercing studios, or cosmetology salons.

Section 3. The City Commission insists that the public continues to follow CDC guidelines including wearing masks and other appropriate face coverings in public.

Section 4. All conferences, festivals, wedding or quinceanera venues, commercial sporting venues, and other types of assembly venues are required to remain closed, unless otherwise allowed by Governor's GA-18 Executive Order, or any other state or federal regulation.

Section 5. All adult and child daycare facilities are required to remain closed, unless otherwise allowed by Governor's GA-18 Executive Order, or any other state or federal regulation.

Section 6. People at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are urged to stay in their residences to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care.

Section 7. The City Commission insists that any person, including international travelers, who enters the City of Rio Grande City from outside of the Rio Grande Valley self-quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into Rio Grande City, Texas or duration of the person's presence in Rio Grande City, Texas. Self-quarantine shall not apply to people traveling in connection with employment, commercial activity, military service, emergency response, health response, or critical infrastructure functions, or as otherwise allowed under Governor's Executive Order GA-18.

Section 8. The City of Rio Grande City shall post this Order on its 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.


Section 9. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Order or 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 rest of the order.

Section 10. This Disaster Declaration and Order shall expire upon **May 30, 2020**, unless otherwise terminated or renewed earlier by the City of Rio Grande City – City Commission.


ORDERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE on this the 29th day of April 2020.



JOEL VILLARREAL, MAYOR

Attest:


Melissa Garza, Interim City Secretary

Approved as to Form:


Calixtro Villarreal, City Attorney