



ORDER NUMBER 1  
UNDER  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19 was detected in mainland China, and has since spread through the world; and

WHEREAS, the World health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all cities and counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the City of Madisonville Mayor declared a Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency for a seven (7) day period, stating that extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Madisonville, Texas;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the City of Madisonville City Council approved a thirty (30) day extension of the original seven (7) day Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency, extending the Declaration through April 23, 2020, finding that an emergency still exists.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDRED BY MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MADISONVILLE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That this ORDER NUMBER 1 Under the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency be given prompt and general publicity and filed with the Madisonville City Secretary.

SECTION 2. That all restaurants in the incorporated area of Madisonville, Texas, are ordered to close as of 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2020, except restaurants may still provide take-out orders, delivery, drive-through window service and curbside pick-up service.

SECTION 3. That all bars in the incorporated area of Madisonville, Texas, are ordered to close as of 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2020.

Section 4. That public gatherings of more than ten (10) persons, in the incorporated area of Madisonville, Texas are prohibited as of 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2020. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where more than ten (10) persons are present in a confined space, room or area.

SECTION 5. That the restriction to public gatherings of more than ten (10) persons in Section 4 is not meant to be applied to grocery and retail stores such as pharmacies and is not meant to prevent Madisonville Citizens from obtaining essential goods and services. Stores and businesses not covered by Section 4 of this Order shall follow CDC Guidelines and place reasonable restrictions on customer access in confined spaces to limit customer contact and proximity to each other.


SECTION 6. That this order is in effect from 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2020 shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this ORDER 1 under the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency unless continued or modified by the City Council of the City of Madisonville, Texas.

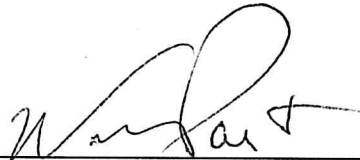
SECTION 7. In accordance with the Texas Government Code 418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

SECTION 8. That this Order hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.


SECTION 9. That this order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF March, 2020.



  
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William L. Parten, Mayor of the City of Madisonville

Attest:

  
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Rosa Barrera  
City Secretary