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SECOND AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER

I, Jeff R. Branick, duly elected Judge of Jefferson County, based on most recent information received from the Emergency Management Offices personnel and Public Health Authorities issue this **ORDER REGARDING THE OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES THROUGHOUT THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS, INCLUDING MUNICIPALITIES:**

Under the authority granted to me by Chapter 418, Texas Government Code, a disaster declaration has been issued effective on March 13, 2020. Additionally pursuant to Section 418.108(d) (g), Texas Government Code, I hereby issue the following orders:

- 1) Any event sponsored or permitted by Jefferson County shall cease.
- 2) Events greater than 50 persons shall cease at all public facilities across Jefferson County.
- 3) Any event greater than 50 persons held at privately owned facilities is urged to cancel but those who are conducting such events should make those determinations within their organizations and with staff of those facilities to adequately protect the public.
- 4) Events of 50 persons or more that would include any population with compromised health conditions or who are at severe risk of severe illness shall cease. The population at the greatest risk is anyone over the age at 65 and/or those with severe medical conditions as defined by Centers for Disease Control guidelines.
- 5) Nursing homes and senior living centers shall limit visitation of the public within their facilities.
- 6) It is hereby ORDERED that a twenty-four (24) hour curfew shall be in place immediately throughout Jefferson County for all individuals who:
 - a) are under the age of 18,
 - b) are not in school,
 - c) are not accompanied by school personnel, a parent or guardian, or
 - d) are not going directly to their place of employment or going directly home from that place of employment.
- 7) This Order does not apply to special needs students during the times local school districts are required by federal law to provide those students services.

WHEREAS, this state of disaster requires that certain emergency measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management;

It is therefore Ordered that the following regulations shall take effect immediately upon execution of this Order and shall remain in effect until the state of disaster is terminated or this Order may be amended:

PRICE CONTROLS

A person shall not sell any of the following goods or services for more than the price the person charged for the goods or services before March 12, 2020:

- a) groceries, beverages, toilet articles, ice;
- b) construction and building materials and supplies and earthmoving equipment and machinery;
- c) electrical and gas generating and transmission equipment, parts and accessories;
- d) charcoal briquettes, matches, candles, lamp illumination and heat unit carbides, dry batteries, light bulbs, flashlights, and hand lanterns;
- e) hand tools(manual and power), hardware and household supplies, and equipment rental;
- f) automotive parts, supplies and accessories;
- g) plumbing and electrical tools and supplies;
- h) apartment, duplex, multi-family dwelling, rooming house, hotel and motel rental;
- i) gasoline, diesel oil, motor oil, kerosene, grease, and automotive lubricants;
- j) restaurant, cafeteria and boarding house meals;
- k) services of roofing and building contractors, plumbers, electricians, mechanics, tree surgeons, and automobile wrecker companies;
- l) medicine, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and supplies;
- m) blankets, quilts, bedspreads, bed liners, mattresses, bedsprings, bedsheets, bedsteads, towels and toilet paper; and
- n) furniture and clothing.

PENALTIES

These price control regulations shall have the effect of ordinances when duly filed with the County Clerk.

Any person who violates any provision of these regulations, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine of not more than Five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

This order does **NOT** extend to law enforcement activities, emergency response operations, court operations, including jury operations, and to all school districts or jurisdiction of Jefferson County.

The Mayor of each City within Jefferson County shall determine the scope of operations of municipal employees.

All Jefferson County Employees must report for work as required by their supervisors. All work related travel of County employees shall cease.

This order shall take effect immediately and extend for a duration of 30 days and may be extended or amended as needed.

Signed at 4:23 p.m. March 16, 2020.



Jeff R. Branick, County Judge