



JEFFERSON COUNTY

ADDENDUM 4 TO JUDGE JEFF BRANICK'S SEVENTH AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER

Jefferson County Judge Jeff Branick issued his Seventh Amended Emergency Order which became effective immediately at 12:49 p.m. on March 27, 2020 with two separate addenda thereto. The First Addendum had an effective date of March 25, 2020, the Second Addendum had an effective date of April 1, 2020.

The following Orders are hereby incorporated into Judge Jeff Branick's Seventh Amended Emergency Order:

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott issued an additional Executive Order (GA 14), pursuant to his authority under Section 418.014, Texas Government Code regarding the imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State which is posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) declaring that this Governor's Order is to be effective at 12:01 April 2, 2020 and continuing through April 30, 2020, subject to extension or amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Orders of the Governor supersede authority of the County Judge, Jeff R. Branick, as the Jefferson County Directory of Emergency Management, pursuant to Section 418.108, Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott did, in his order (GA-14), which was filed on March 31, 2020, specifically include religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship as "essential services"; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott ordered that "except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services, direct that we are to minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact people who are not in the same household and that in providing or obtaining essential services, people and businesses should follow the Guidelines from the President and the Centers for Disease Control implementing social distancing and sanitation and cleanliness protocols; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, JEFF R. BRANICK, COUNTY JUDGE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY THE

TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 418, AND IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 HEREBY FURTHER ORDER:

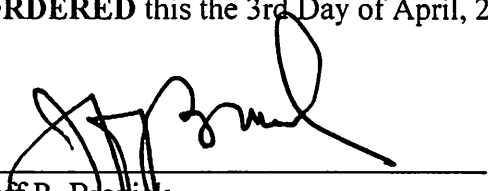
Because of the rapid spread of the coronavirus in Jefferson County, and, in order to stop/slow further exposures, it is necessary to issue additional orders to protect our citizens. I am hereby ORDERING the temporary suspension of local cremation permits of all suspected or positive COVID-19 decedents. This temporary suspension should require the Cremation Authorization Form requirement as mandated in the Health & Safety Code, Sec. 715.052

I AM HEREBY ORDERING THAT ALL ORDERS CONTAINED IN THE SEVENTH EMERGENCY ORDER AND ALL PRIOR ADDENDA AND THIS ADDENDUM THERETO SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL 11:59 p.m. May 1, 2020 unless otherwise amended or terminated.

If you have any questions **regarding** this you may call Fred Jackson at 409-835-8466 or Davilyn Walston at 409-835-8757

This addendum to Judge Jeff Branick's Seventh Amended Emergency Order becomes effective at 8:30 A.m on the 4 day of April, 2020 and shall be strictly observed and enforced as if incorporated fully into that Emergency Order.

ORDERED this the 3rd Day of April, 2020, at 8:20 AM.



Jeff R. Branick
County Judge