



JEFFERSON COUNTY

ADDENDUM 6 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 five prior separate addenda thereto.

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 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 have received concurrence of the County ESD/VDF Chiefs to request modification of county-wide burning restrictions. I am hereby ORDERING that certain outdoor burning, in the unincorporated areas of Jefferson County will be allowed, subject to the following restrictions:

- a) The burning must be on-site burning of only brush, grass, leaves, branch trimmings, or other plant growth, by the owner of the property or other person authorized by the owner, and the material is generated only from that property;
- b) The burn shall commence no earlier than one hour after sunrise and be extinguished one hour before sunset;
- c) The burn shall be a single burn pile in no larger than sixty inches (60") in diameter and thirty-six inches (36") in height at any time;
- d) The burn shall be attended by a responsible person at all times;
- e) Water must be available at the burn area at all times;
- f) The burn shall be extinguished if the smoke from the fire becomes a nuisance or safety hazard to any person
- g) The burn shall be extinguished when so ordered by a fire, law enforcement, or environmental quality official;
- h) A burn shall not be commenced when wind or other condition creates an unsafe environment or condition.

This Order regarding outdoor burning shall not apply to outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Parks and Wildlife for prescribed burns to enhance wetland habitat conditions and control fuel loads, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: firefighter training, public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations, or harvesting agricultural crops.

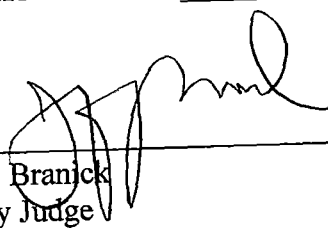
The penalty for violating any portion of these Emergency Orders shall be punishable by a fine that does not exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for confinement in jail for a period that does not exceed 18 months.

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

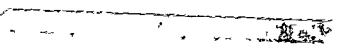
If you have any questions **regarding** this you may call Fred Jackson at 409-835-8466 or Davilyn Walston at 409-835-8757

This addendum to Judge Jeff Branick's Seventh Amended Emergency Order becomes effective on the date and time executed and shall be strictly observed and enforced as if incorporated fully into that Emergency Order

ORDERED this the 8 day of April, 2020, at 8:51 A.M.



Jeff R. Branick
County Judge



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