

JEFFERSON COUNTY

ADDENDUM 7 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 inperson 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:

In Addendum 5 to the Seventh Amended Emergency Order which was entered on April 7, 2020 I did, pursuant to directives of the Governor, close golf courses, driving ranges and golf training facilities. I have now received guidance that would allow golf courses, driving ranges and golf training centers to reopen and operate provided the following protocols, as outlined in the Centers for Disease Control, are complied with.

Therefore, I am ordering that golf courses, driving ranges and golf training facilities may operate if:

- 1. Separate carts are used by each golfer;
- 2. Golfers maintain appropriate social distancing at all times;
- 3. Golf carts provided by the course are appropriately sanitized before being used by others:
- 4. No more than 5 persons may occupy the clubhouse or course rooms at any time;

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

_ day of April, 2020, at **2:36** *P*.M.

Jeff R. Branick County Judge