



## JEFFERSON COUNTY

### **ADDENDUM 9 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**, the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation did, on April 22 issue further guidance regarding massage services that may be allowed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Orders of the Governor supersede authority of the County Judge, Jeff R. Branick, as the Jefferson County Director 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:**

Therefore, based upon the guidance of Governor Abbott's order; I hereby order that my previous Emergency Order and Addenda thereto are amended to provide:

1. Massage therapists may open for medical necessity. A massage therapist may only provide massage services if it is medically necessary. This determination must be made

by the client's physician or chiropractor. Massage therapists may not provide massage services for general wellness or other non-medical necessity reasons.

This guidance is in accordance with Executive Orders GA-15 and GA-16 recently issued by Governor Abbott. Massage therapists should be aware of any orders issued in the county or city where the massage therapist practices, as these local orders may impose additional restrictions. The ability to provide massage therapy may change as further governmental orders are issued.

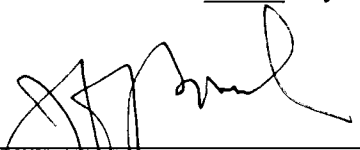
The penalty for violating any portion of these Emergency Orders shall be punishable by a fine that does not exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for confinement in jail for a period that does not exceed 18 months.

I AM HEREBY ORDERING THAT ALL ORDERS CONTAINED IN THE SEVENTH EMERGENCY ORDER AND ALL PRIOR ADDENDA AND THIS ADDENDUM THERETO, AND WHICH ARE NOT AMENDED HEREIN, 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

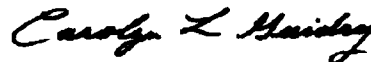
This addendum to Judge Jeff Branick's Seventh Amended Emergency Order becomes effective on April 22, 2020 and shall be strictly observed and enforced as if incorporated fully into that Emergency Order.

**ORDERED** this the 22 day of April, 2020, at 3:06 P.M.

  
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Jeff R. Branick  
County Judge

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