

ORDER BY THE MAYOR OF SUGAR LAND

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency was issued to allow City of Sugar Land to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of Sugar Land residents; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, a Declaration of State of Disaster was issued by Texas Governor Abbott to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans;

WHEREAS, “coronavirus disease 2019,” or “COVID-19,” is a communicable disease and spreads through person-to-person contact, especially in group settings; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) recommends an “All of Community” approach focused on slowing the transmission of COVID-19 through social distancing to reduce illness and death, while minimizing social and economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, due to the substantial risks to the public, the following extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOE R. ZIMMERMAN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

Section 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct.

Section 2. That effective as of 11:59 p.m. on March 17, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2020, unless terminated or modified by an earlier order, the Mayor of City of Sugar Land, Texas, deems it in the public interest to order that:

- (a) Restaurants and other establishments that serve food with or without drive-in or drive-through services may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-through services as allowed by law; and
- (b) All bars, adult entertainment establishments and other business establishments that serve alcohol and do not serve food shall close, including nightclubs, lounges, taverns, or arcades and private clubs.

Section 3. That the Sugar Land Police Department, Sugar Land Fire Marshal’s Office and other peace officers are hereby authorized to enforce this Order.

Section 4. That the City of Sugar Land will post this Order on its website. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of this Order.

Section 5. That this Order applies to all areas within the boundaries of the City of Sugar Land, Texas.

ORDERED this the 17th day of March, 2020.


Joe R. Zimmerman, Mayor

