

**CHAMBERS COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER
March 17, 2020**

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER
Declaration of Disaster**

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the County Judge issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster for Chambers County resulting from

COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating declaration of a state of disaster continue to exist; and

WHEREAS, §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code provides that a local state of disaster may not be continued for a period of excess of seven days without the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT of CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS:

That the state of disaster proclaimed for Chambers County by the County Judge on March 12, 2020 shall continue until terminated by order of the COMMISSIONERS COURT OR CHAMBERS COUNTY JUDGE.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency measures be taken pursuant to the Executive Order of the Governor Relating to Emergency Management; now, therefore, the following regulations shall take effect immediately upon issuance, and shall remain in effect until terminated by order of the COMMISSIONERS COURT OR CHAMBERS COUNTY JUDGE:

1. MASS GATHERINGS

- (a) Any event sponsored or permitted by Chambers County shall cease;
- (b) Events greater than 50 persons shall cease at all public facilities across Chambers County;
- (c) Any event greater than 50 persons at a privately owned facilities is urged to cancel, but those who are conducting such events should make those determinations within their organizations and with staff of those facilities to adequately protect the public;
- (d) Events of 50 persons or more that would include population with compromised health conditions or who are at severe risk of illness shall cease. The population at the greatest risk is anyone over the age of 65 and/or those with severe medical conditions as defined by CDC guidelines; and
- (e) Nursing homes and senior living centers shall limit visitation of the public within their facilities.

2. CURFEW

It is hereby ordered that a twenty-four (24) hour curfew shall be in place immediately throughout Chambers County for all individuals who:

- (a) are under the age of 18;
- (b) are not in school;
- (c) are not accompanied by school personnel, a parent or guardian; or
- (d) are not going directly to their place of employment or going directly home from that place of employment.

3. PRICE CONTROLS

A person shall not sell any of the following goods or services for more than the price the person charged for the goods or services on **March 12, 2020 in ANY area within Chambers County:**

- (a) groceries, beverages, toilet articles, ice;
- (b) construction and building materials and supplies, and earthmoving equipment and machinery;
- (c) electrical and gas generating and transmission equipment, parts and accessories;
- (d) charcoal briquettes, matches, candles, lamp illumination and heat unit carbides, dry batteries, light bulbs, flashlights, and hand lanterns;
- (e) hand tools (manual and power), hardware and household supplies, and equipment rental;
- (f) automotive parts, supplies, and accessories;
- (g) plumbing and electrical tools and supplies;
- (h) apartment, duplex, multi-family dwelling, rooming house, hotel and motel rental;
- (i) gasoline, diesel oil, motor oil, kerosene, grease, and automotive lubricants;
- (j) restaurant, cafeteria, and boarding-house meals;
- (k) services of roofing and building contractors, plumbers, electricians, mechanics, tree surgeons, and automobile wrecker companies;
- (l) medicine, pharmaceutical, and medical equipment and supplies;
- (m) blankets, quilts, bedspreads, bed linens, mattresses, bedsprings, bedsteads, towels, and toilet paper; and
- (n) furniture and clothing.

4. PENALTIES

- (a) These regulations shall have the effect of ordinances when duly filed with the County Clerk.
- (b) A person who violates any provision of these regulations, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

5. EMERGENCY

This order shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication, and it is accordingly so ordained.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED, that this order may be enforced by any duly-commissioned peace officer and the venue for prosecution of this order shall be the Justice of the Peace

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 17th day of March 2020.

APPROVED, this 17th day of March 2020.



Jimmy Sylvia
County Judge



Jimmy Gore
Precinct 1 Commissioner



Mark Tice
Precinct 2 Commissioner

Gary Nelson
Precinct 3 Commissioner



Billy Combs
Precinct 4 Commissioner



ATTEST: Heather Hawthorne
County Clerk

