

# CHAMBERS COUNTY

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

March 18, 2020

### EXECUTIVE ORDER OF CHAMBERS COUNTY JUDGE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES

**WHEREAS**, by Commissioners Court Order issued March 17, 2020, the Commissioners Court of Chambers County declared a state of disaster for Chambers County, resulting from:

**COVID-19; and**

**WHEREAS**, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management;

**WHEREAS**, Texas Government Code Sec. 418.018(c) states the governor may control ingress and egress to and from a disaster area and the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in the area;

**WHEREAS**, Texas Government Code Sec. 418.1015 states:

- (a) The presiding officer of the governing body of an incorporated city or a county or the chief administrative officer of a joint board is designated as the emergency management director for the officer's political subdivision.
- (b) An emergency management director serves as the governor's designated agent in the administration and supervision of duties under this chapter. An emergency management director may exercise the powers granted to the governor under this chapter on an appropriate local scale.

**WHEREAS**, The CDC and President of the United States have issued guidelines to slow the spread of COVID-19;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the following regulations shall take effect immediately upon issuance of this order and shall remain in effect until the state of disaster is terminated:

### **MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES**

- (a) A person shall not occupy or allow to be occupied premises for social gatherings of ten (10) or more persons, including but not limited to places of assembly, restaurants, bars, theatres, and entertainment venues. "Premises" shall include land and buildings and structures upon it.
- (b) Food service establishments are encouraged to provide take-out, curbside, and delivery services, while following CDC guidance on routine hygiene practices.
- (c) This order does not apply to Critical Infrastructure Industries, such as healthcare services, pharmaceutical and food supply, as these businesses must remain open.

**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).

This Proclamation shall take effect at 12:01AM on March 19, 2020, **ORDERED THIS 18th DAY OF March 2020.**

  
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**Jimmy Sylvia**  
**County Judge**

  
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**Attest: Heather Hawthorne**  
**County Clerk**

