

CHAMBERS COUNTY
EXECUTIVE ORDER — AMENDMENT II TO JS-7
July 2, 2020

AMENDMENT I TO EXECUTIVE ORDER OF CHAMBERS COUNTY JUDGE
REGARDING HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY AND FACE COVERINGS

Whereas, on March 12, 2020, Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency to allow Chambers County to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of Chambers County residents in accordance with Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code; and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, a Declaration of State of Disaster was issued by 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; and

Whereas, on March 16, 2020, President Trump acknowledged the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic, releasing strict new guidelines to limit people's interactions, including that Americans should avoid groups of more than 10 people; and

Whereas, on March 17, 2020, the Chambers County Commissioners Court issued an Order at a Special Meeting of Commissioners Court approving the extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster declared by County Judge Jimmy Sylvia and signed on March 12, 2020; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 virus is contagious and spreads through person-to-person contact, especially in group settings; and

Whereas, there currently still exists a declaration of public health disaster in and for the State of Texas as declared by Texas Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and by approving on March 17, 2020, extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency, the Chambers County Commissioners Court authorized the Chambers County Judge to take such actions as are necessary in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Chambers County by the issuance of executive orders as necessary (each, an "Executive Order");

Whereas, the transmission of COVID-19 has not dissipated but remains a significant threat to the health and safety of the Chambers County Community and rates of infection are increasing at an alarming rate and the number of people ending up in the hospital, ICU, or on ventilators is also dramatically rising despite efforts by local authorities to control the spread; and

Whereas, the County Judge has determined that extraordinary emergency measures must be taken to try and mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate a response to the public health threat;

Whereas, a County Judge acts as the emergency management director for the county and serves as the Governor's designated agent in the administration and supervision of duties during a state of emergency

declared by the Governor in accordance with Section 418.1015(a) and (b) of the Texas Government Code; and

Whereas, a County Judge, serving as the Governor's designated agent in the administration and supervision of duties during a state of emergency declared by the Governor, "may exercise the powers granted to the governor under this chapter on an appropriate local scale" in accordance with Section 418.1015(b) of the Texas Government Code; and

Whereas, a County Judge, serving as the Governor's designated agent in the administration and supervision of duties during a state of emergency declared by the Governor, is authorized to control ingress to and egress from a disaster area and control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises on an appropriate local scale in accordance with Sections 418.1015 and 418.018 of the Texas Government Code; and

Whereas, upon Declaration of a Local Disaster, a County Judge is authorized to control ingress to and egress from a disaster area and control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in accordance with Section 418.108(g) of the Texas Government Code; and

Whereas, it is the intent of this Executive Order to remain as consistent with and to harmonize, to the extent possible, the executive orders of Governor Greg Abbott; and

Whereas, by the authority vested in me as Chambers County Judge and as the Emergency Management Director for Chambers County to continue to protect the health and safety of the community and address developing and rapidly changing circumstances when presented by the current public health emergency, I issued Executive Order JS-7 on June 24, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE, I, COUNTY JUDGE FOR CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER AMENDMENT 2 TO EXECUTIVE ORDER JS-7 ISSUED JUNE 24, 2020:

- I. Executive Order JS-7 issued on June 24, 2020 and extended on June 30, 2020 shall be rescinded and superseded by Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order GA-29, issued July 2, 2020.

This Executive Order shall take effect at 12:00 p.m. on July 3, 2020, ORDERED THIS 2nd DAY OF July 2020.


Jimmy Sylvia
County Judge


Attest: Heather Hawthorne
County Clerk

