

**CHAMBERS COUNTY
EXECUTIVE ORDER – AMENDMENT 2
March 30, 2020**

**AMENDMENT 2 TO
EXECUTIVE ORDER OF CHAMBERS COUNTY JUDGE
STAY SAFE ORDER / EMERGENCY MEASURES**

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 protective 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, on March 24, 2020, Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia issued an Executive Order enacting Emergency Measures in Chambers County, to expire at 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020;

Whereas, on March 26, 2020, Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia issued Amendment 1 to the Executive Order enacted on March 24, 2020; and

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 THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED MARCH 24, 2020:

1. The Executive Order (Stay Safe Order/Emergency Measures) issued by Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia on March 24, 2020 shall continue until 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020.
2. In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, food service establishments, convenience stores, and other retail establishments selling food or drink shall not allow customers to self-serve ready to eat food or drink. This includes buffets, beverage dispensers, and customer self-service stations.

3. Pursuant to Annex U, Section V.A.6. of the Chambers County Emergency Operations Plan, and in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code § 418.173, any law enforcement agency based in Chambers County is hereby authorized to enforce this order and the failure to comply with this order is an offense punishable by a fine that does not exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.
4. Chambers County 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 the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

This Executive Order shall take effect IMMEDIATELY upon its issuance, ORDERED THIS 30th DAY OF March 2020.



Jimmy Sylvia
County Judge



Attest: Heather Hawthorne
County Clerk

