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ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR. COUNTY CLERK  
HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS  
BY Arturo G DEPUTY

## AMENDED

### COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER

WHEREAS, by declaration issued the 17 day of March, 2020, the County Judge declared a Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency for the County of Hidalgo, Texas, resulting from the imminent threat and possibility of exposure and spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, said disaster requires certain emergency measures be taken to mitigate and prevent the spread of and control the risk of COVID-19, in order to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare of residents of the County of Hidalgo

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency measures be taken pursuant to the Executive Order of the Governor Relating to Emergency Management and under the authority prescribed in Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code;

NOW THEREFORE, the following order shall supersede all previous orders on these matters that are in conflict or inconsistent with its terms, shall take effect immediately upon issuance, and shall remain in effect for until 11:59 p.m. on March 24, 2020 unless terminated, modified, or extended by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court.

#### 1. MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES

- (a) A person shall not remain or travel upon any public or private property within the jurisdictional boundaries of the County of Hidalgo, Texas, which may constitute a social event or gathering of ten (10) or more persons.
- (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a person authorized by local government officials and offices, and law enforcement that assist in the protection of the health, safety, or welfare of the public during the declared emergency.
- (c) For the purposes of this order, a social "event" or "gathering" is any indoor or outdoor event, that brings or is likely to bring together ten (10) or more persons at the same time, including but not limited to:
  - a. Conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings, flea markets and other type of assemblies.
  - b. Eating or drinking at Bars, Lounges and private clubs, provided however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options are allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this order.
  - c. Fitness Centers and Gyms, Massage parlors
  - d. Entertainment facilities such as bowling alleys, movie theaters and other type of establishments

- e. Restaurants and/or Food Courts provided however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options are allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this order.
- (d) For the purposes of this order a social “event” or “gathering” does not apply to gatherings spaces where people may visit, including but not limited to grocery stores, gas stations, parks, retail establishments, hospitals and medical offices or facilities, bus, train, or airplane terminals, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce transmission of COVID-19.
- (e) For the purposes of this order sheltering in place is not mandated.
- (f) For the purposes of this order critical infrastructure will remain operational, domestic travel will remain unrestricted, and governmental workplaces shall remain open as determined by the local governing authority.
- (g) For the purposes of this order, persons shall not visit nursing homes, retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
- (h) For the purposes of this order, schools shall temporarily close.

## 2. PRICE CONTROLS

A person and/or business shall not sell any goods or service, including but not limited to the following, for more than the price the person charged for the goods or services on March 17, 2020:

- (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, party 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
- (n) furniture and clothing

## 3. WAIVER OF FEES

- (a) All fees and service charges associated with telephonic or distance payments to Hidalgo County officers and/or departments are hereby waived.

4. PENALTIES

- (a) This order shall have full force and effect when duly filed with the County Clerk.
- (b) The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office, Constable Offices, and Fire Marshal, Hidalgo County Safety Division, and District Attorney Investigators are hereby authorized to enforce this order
- (c) All Municipal, local jurisdictions peace officers, and law enforcement agencies are hereby authorized to enforce this order.
  
- (d) A person who violates any provision of this order, may be punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1000.00), or confinement for a term in jail not to exceed one hundred and eighty days (180), pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 418, Sec.418.173.
- (e) If any subsection, sentence, 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 remainder of this Order and its application.

5. EMERGENCY

This order shall be published on the County of Hidalgo website, and copies shall be posted and/or made available to residents of the County upon request.

If any subsection, sentence, 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 remainder of this Order and its application.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 19th day of March, 2020.



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Richard F. Cortez  
County Judge

ATTEST:



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Arturo Guajardo  
County Clerk



Hidalgo County Clerk  
Arturo Guajardo Jr.  
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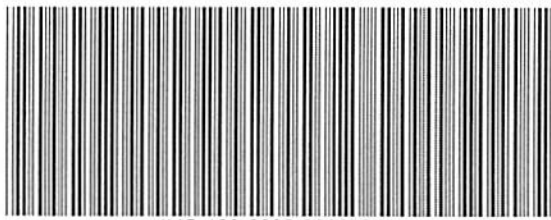
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COUNTY OF HIDALGO

I hereby certify that this Instrument was FILED in the File Number sequence on the date/time printed hereon, and was duly RECORDED in the Official Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.

Arturo Guajardo Jr.  
County Clerk  
Hidalgo County, Texas