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**SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF MAYOR
AMENDING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian issued her original Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency, due to a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the Declaration was issued in furtherance of her authority to protect the safety and welfare of the public by slowing the spread of the virus, and, because of rapidly changing circumstances associated with the pandemic, the Declaration was amended on March 16, 2020, March 19, 2020, and March 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration, as amended, was approved and extended by the City Council of the City of Rowlett, to remain in effect until April 30, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas and the County Judge of Dallas County have each issued amended Executive Orders and Declarations containing more stringent requirements and recommendations in an effort to stop the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the on-going evaluation of circumstances related to the virus, the updated recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Services, and the amendments to the declarations and proclamations of disaster and emergency by the Governor and the County Judge of Dallas County persuades the Mayor to supplement her Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency, as amended, and to ensure uniform application to all areas of the City that are situated within Dallas County as well as Rockwall County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the March 13, 2020, Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency of Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect but is supplemented as follows (in the event of a conflict between the Declaration as amended and this Supplemental Order, this Supplemental Order shall prevail):



Section 1. This Supplemental Order does not amend, repeal or otherwise modify the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency, as amended by the Mayor or as extended by the City Council, except as otherwise provided herein, and all orders and requirements contained in the Declaration, as amended, remain in effect except as modified by this Order.

Section 2. Effective as of 11:59 p.m., on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m., Friday, April 3, 2020:

- a) All individuals currently living within the City of Rowlett, Texas, are ordered to shelter at their place of residence. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably as possible maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence. All persons may leave their residences only for Essential Activities, or to provide or perform Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses, all as defined in Section 3.
- b) All businesses operating within the City, except Essential Businesses as defined in Section 3, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the City. For clarity, businesses may continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e., working from home). To the greatest extent possible, all Essential Businesses shall comply with the Social Distancing Guidelines attached to the Third Amended Order Amending the Declaration of Local Disaster, including maintaining 6-foot social distancing for both employees and the general public.
- c) Religious and worship services may only be provided by video and teleconference. Religious institutions must limit in-person staff to ten (10) people or less when preparing for or conducting video or teleconference services, and all individuals must follow the Social Distancing Guidelines including the six-foot social distancing.
- d) All public or private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, except as otherwise provided herein. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.

Section 3. Definitions:

- a) For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following “Essential Activities”:
 1. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (for example, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies needed to work from home).



2. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others (for example, food, pet supplies, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences).
 3. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with social distancing requirements of six feet (for example, walking, biking, hiking, or running).
 4. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order.
 5. To care for a family member or pet in another household.
- b) For purposes of this Order, “Essential Businesses” means:
1. **Essential Health Care Services.** Healthcare operations, including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, mental health providers, substance abuse service providers, blood banks, medical research, laboratory services, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. Home-based and residential-based care for seniors, adults, or children are also considered healthcare operations. Healthcare operations also includes veterinary care and all health and welfare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be viewed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare. Healthcare operations do not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities. Healthcare operations do not include elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures as established in accordance with the provisions of the Third Amended Declaration.
 2. **Essential Government Functions.** All services provided by local governments needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. All Essential Government Functions shall be performed in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet, to the extent possible.
 3. **Essential Infrastructure.** Public works construction, construction of housing, airport operations, water, sewer gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet, to the extent possible. Essential Businesses providing essential infrastructure should implement screening precautions to protect employees and all activity shall



be performed in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet, to the extent possible.

4. **Essential Retail.** Food service providers, including grocery stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, bodegas, liquor stores, gas stations and convenience stores, and farmers' markets that sell food products and household staples. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out. Schools and other entities that typically provide free services to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away basis only. The restriction of delivery or carry out does not apply to cafes and restaurants located within hospital and medical facilities. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home. Gas stations, auto-supply, auto and bicycle repair, hardware stores, and related facilities. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home.
5. **Providers of Basic Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations.** Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals.
6. **Essential Services Necessary to Maintain Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses.** Trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal, mail and shipping services, building cleaning and maintenance, auto repair, warehouse/distribution and fulfillment, and storage for essential businesses, funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses. Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities.
7. **News Media.** Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.
8. **Financial Institutions.** Banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions.
9. **Childcare Services.** Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted.
10. Any manufacturer who retools or reconfigures business operations so that a substantial part of their business is for the purpose of manufacturing and producing ventilators may apply to the Mayor for an "essential business" exemption under this Order.



Section 4. This Supplemental Order shall apply to all areas and territory within the City of Rowlett, regardless of whether the area is located wholly or partially within Dallas County or Rockwall County. This Order shall be effective until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, or until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law.

Section 5. The City shall promptly provide copies of this Supplemental Order by posting on the City's website, transmittal to local media, and dissemination through social media platforms. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Supplemental Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order on site 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.

IT IS SO ORDERED


Tammy Dana-Bashian
Mayor, City of Rowlett, Texas

DATE: 3-23-2020



