

HOCKLEY COUNTY ORDER
AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIPS – AUTO SHOWROOMS

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread and to pose an increasing, imminent threat of disaster throughout Hockley County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-14 superseding Executive Order GA-08, effectively mandating that all travel be restricted except that necessary to obtain essential services and prohibited social gatherings as well as other mandates necessary to more effectively contain the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Hockley County Commissioners Court, in response to the issuance of Executive Order GA-14 and the continued spread of COVID-19, found it necessary to amend, modify and replace the previous stay at home order with Declaration and 3rd Ratification of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency Stay at Home/Stay Safe Amendment, Modification and Replacement on April 6, 2020 to help further contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Hockley County; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.f.vii of the Declaration and 3rd Ratification of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency Stay at Home/Stay Safe Amendment, Modification and Replacement closed all automobile dealership showrooms to the public; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas renewed his state-wide disaster proclamation that was first issued on March 13, 2020, certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-16, effective until April 30th, superseding Executive Order GA-14 confirming the social distancing requirements, limiting social gatherings, extending school closures for in-person classroom attendance for the rest of school year 2019-2020 but also allowing for the re-opening of certain non-essential businesses beginning on April 24, 2020 under certain terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Hockley County Commissioners Court has authorized the County Judge, pursuant to applicable provisions of Texas Government Code Chapter 418, on behalf of Hockley County, Texas, to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, enforcing applicable orders issued by the Hockley County Judge, the Governor of the State of Texas or the Texas Department of State Health Services related to suppressing the COVID-19 virus, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the rules and directives; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the intention and spirit of Executive Order GA-16 relating to the opening of certain non-essential businesses based on certain terms and conditions and with

the latest version of essential services to include sales for automobiles, the Hockley County Judge has determined that this order and clarification of the "Stay at Home" order is necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS:


SECTION 1. THAT so long as automobile dealerships strictly comply with the terms required by the Texas Department of State Health Services and follow federal and CDC guidelines including taking affirmative steps to ensure that social distancing of 6 feet is maintained between all employees and customers, that there is no more than ten (10) people inclusive of employees in the common areas, waiting areas and break rooms of the automobile dealership showrooms and no more than one employee and one customer in any individual enclosed office of the automobile dealership showroom, Section 3.f.vii is hereby amended to the extent that automobile dealership showrooms are re-opened subject to the terms and conditions outlined in this Order.

SECTION 2. THAT in accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, this order is being issued pursuant to the Hockley County Emergency Management Plan and **any person who knowingly or intentionally violates this resolution commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.**

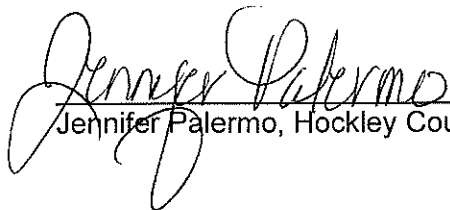
SECTION 3. THAT all terms and conditions of the Declaration and 3rd Ratification of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency Stay at Home/Stay Safe Amendment, Modification and Replacement not specifically clarified or modified by this Order are hereby affirmed and remain in full force and effect and are continued.

SECTION 4. THAT this clarification and modification of the Declaration and 3rd Ratification of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency Stay at Home/Stay Safe Amendment, Modification and Replacement shall go into effect at 12.01 a.m. April 24, 2020 and continue until 11:59 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 2020, unless renewed, extended, amended or cancelled by the Hockley County Judge or the Hockley County Commissioners Court.

So ordered this 24TH day of April, 2020.


Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge

ATTEST:


Jennifer Palermo, Hockley County Clerk



HOCKLEY COUNTY CLARIFICATION – DOG GROOMERS

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread and to pose an increasing, imminent threat of disaster throughout Hockley County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-14 superseding Executive Order GA-08, effectively mandating that all travel be restricted except that necessary to obtain essential services and prohibited social gatherings as well as other mandates necessary to more effectively contain the spread of COVID-19; and

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WHEREAS, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and to minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household, the playing golf is a physical activity similar in nature to walking, jogging and visiting a park; and

WHEREAS, the Hockley County Commissioners Court has authorized the County Judge, pursuant to applicable provisions of Texas Government Code Chapter, on behalf of Hockley County, Texas, to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, enforcing applicable orders issued by the Hockley County Judge, the Governor of the State of Texas or the Texas Department of State Health Services related to suppressing the COVID-19 virus, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the rules and directives; and

WHEREAS, due to the issuance of Executive Order GA-16 relating to the opening of certain non-essential businesses based on certain terms and conditions, the Hockley County Judge has determined that further clarification of the "Stay at Home" order is necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. THAT, to the extent that the County's Declaration and 3rd Ratification of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency Stay at Home/Stay Safe Amendment, Modification and Replacement prohibited the operation of pet grooming establishments, that the Hockley County Declaration and 3rd Ratification of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency Stay at Home/Stay Safe Amendment, Modification and Replacement is modified and clarified in accordance with the authority granted by the Hockley County Commissioners Court to me as County Judge and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order GA-16 as outlined herein.

SECTION 2. THAT the operation of pet grooming establishments is hereby authorized to operate as a non-essential retail business in accordance with the terms of and conditions of Section 3.g. of the Hockley County Declaration and 3rd Ratification of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency Stay at Home/Stay Safe Amendment, Modification and Replacement and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order GA-16. The terms and conditions as referenced above include the following:

- a. Must strictly comply with the terms required by the Texas Department of State Health Services and follow federal and CDC guidelines including taking affirmative steps to ensure that social distancing of 6 feet is maintained between all employees to the extent possible;
- b. Allow only those employees at the pet grooming establishment necessary to:
 - i. perform the necessary pet grooming services, facilitate online service responses, call-in services and curbside drive through pet drop-off and pickup; and
 - ii. perform operations necessary to maintain security, payroll, upkeep, and maintenance of premises, equipment or inventory, including but not limited to the care and maintenance of animals;
- c. Access to the pet grooming retail establishment shall remain closed to the public with customers and patrons prohibited from entering the pet grooming retail establishment. All customers of the pet grooming establishment must drop-off and pickup their pets outside of the pet grooming establishment.

SECTION 3. THAT in accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, this order and clarification is being issued pursuant to the Hockley County Emergency Management Plan and **any person who knowingly or intentionally violates this resolution commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.**

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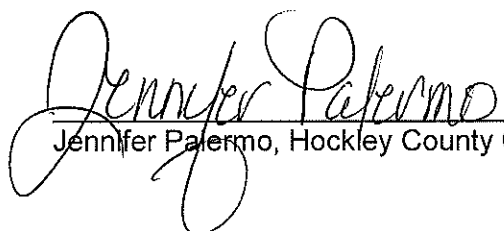
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