

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF POTTER §

AMENDED ORDER UNDER DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the County Judge of Potter County, Texas declared a local state of disaster in all of Potter County as a result of the imminent potential for spread of an epidemic, specifically infection caused by the novel coronavirus which causes a serious respiratory illness referred to as CoVID-19, under authority of section 418.108(a), Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, upon declaration of a local state of disaster, section 418.108(g), Texas Government Code, authorizes the County Judge to control ingress to and egress from a disaster area, as well as to control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in the disaster area; and

WHEREAS, information provided by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Texas State Department of Health Services (TSDHS) indicates that the CoVID-19 pathogen is highly communicable, representing an extremely serious threat to the health and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Health Department of the City of Amarillo, Texas, and the Amarillo Bi-City/County Health Authority confirmed that certain persons in Amarillo, Texas had been determined by testing to be infected with the CoVID-19 pathogen. At the same time, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advised that gatherings of more than 50 persons should be avoided in order to slow community transmission of CoVID-19. The Texas State Department of Health Services, and the President of the United States, have advised that gatherings of more than 10 persons should be avoided for the same reason; and

WHEREAS, the presence, confirmed by testing, of the CoVID-19 pathogen in Amarillo, Texas – the county seat of Potter County, Texas – requires significant measures to safeguard against community transmission of the disease to the extent possible in the interest of public health and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the County Judge of Potter County, Texas, under authority of section 418.108(g), Texas Government Code, that the following are effective immediately throughout the geographic jurisdiction of Potter County, Texas:

1. all buildings and property belonging to Potter County, Texas are CLOSED to the public; and

2. any and all gatherings of more than ten (10) persons in one location are PROHIBITED, except that such gatherings are not prohibited in healthcare facilities, or retail and wholesale stores.

3. This order is not intended to prevent or interfere with a court performing any adjudicatory function in accordance with the First Emergency Order Regarding the CoVID-19 State of Disaster entered by the Supreme Court of Texas, under Miscellaneous Docket No. 20-9042, and the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas, under Miscellaneous Docket No. 20-007, on March 13, 2020. However, the courts of Potter County are encouraged to make use of alternative means for conducting proceedings that prevent or limit in-person contact among parties, attorneys, court personnel and the public.

4. This Order continues in effect during the effective period of the Disaster Declaration for Potter County, Texas, entered by the County Judge of Potter County, Texas on March 18, 2020 at 7:20 p.m.


IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED this 19th day of March, 2020.



HONORABLE NANCY TANNER
POTTER COUNTY JUDGE

Attest:



County Clerk
Potter County, Texas