

CITY OF MARBLE FALLS, TEXAS AMENDED MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND REGARDING FACIAL COVERINGS IN COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CITY

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, I, as Mayor of the City of Marble Falls, Texas, issued a Declaration of Local State of Disaster related to Coronavirus pandemic, effective for seven days, which declaration was amended on March 26, 2020 and which the City Council of Marble Falls approved and extended until April 21, 2020, and which was extended by the City Council on April 21, 2020 until May 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, the Governor of Texas Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-26 regarding the reopening of the Texas economy, which order the Governor clarified that his plan includes maintaining the authority of local governments to require businesses to adopt and enforce health policies that include face covering requirements; and

WHEREAS, information released by the Texas Department of Health Services since the issuance of GA-26 indicates that the number of daily positive tests for COVID-19 has continued to climb, and includes a projection that there may be 5,567 fatal cases in Texas by October 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of June 29, 2020, Burnet County has had 117 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 3 of whom have died, 57 not recovered; and

WHEREAS, as of June 29, 2020, Dr. Madrigal, Burnet County Health Authority reports 121 new cases since June 22, some of which are reported on the state website; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of State Health Services COVID-19 case website has a delay in updating the data; and

WHEREAS, infected persons can transmit the COVID-19 virus to others before showing any symptoms, and widespread and consistent use of face coverings over the nose and mouth when in public is a critical and necessary measure to help slow the spread of the virus while allowing local businesses to continuing to reopen and help the Marble Falls economy recover;

NOW THEREFORE, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARBLE FALLS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, I HEREBY ORDER THAT:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Marble Falls, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of Marble Falls, Texas.

3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City Emergency Management Plan.

5. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on June 29, 2020, and continuing through 11:59 p.m. on July 13, 2020, unless extended, modified, or terminated earlier by subsequent order, all commercial entities in the City of Marble Falls providing goods or services directly to the public must require, at a minimum, that all employees and visitors wear facial covering of the nose and mouth while on the commercial entity's business premises or other facilities except in the following circumstances:

- a. when the person is alone in a separate single space, whether indoors or outdoors;
- b. when the person is in the presence only of other members of the same household or residence, whether indoors or outdoors;
- c. when doing so poses a verified mental or physical health, safety or security risk;
- d. when the person is outdoors engaging in an allowed activity while alone, or with only members of the same household or residence, or while maintaining a consistent separation of six feet or more from others and engaging in conduct authorized and as allowed by Governor's Order GA-26 or subsequent executive order;
- e. when the person is eating or drinking in a restaurant; or
- f. the person is under the age of two; or
- g. any person who is unable to remove a face covering without assistance.

6. A notice of the requirement for facial coverings, in the form attached, shall be posted at the entrances to each commercial establishment or other conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees and visitors of all health and safety requirements. Business owners may also choose to implement other mitigating measures designed to control and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 such as temperature checks or health screenings.


7. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ISSUED AND DECLARED this 29th day of June 2020.



John Packer, Mayor
City of Marble Falls, Texas

Attest:



Christina McDonald, City Secretary



NOTICE

FACIAL COVERING REQUIRED

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARBLE FALLS UNDER THE TEXAS DISASTER ACT OF 1975:

Effective June 29, 2020, all persons over the age of two entering, working, or visiting this establishment are required to wear a covering over the nose and mouth for the purpose of slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus and promoting the re-opening of the Marble Falls economy.

Persons who refuse to wear appropriate facial covering will be denied admission or will be asked to leave.