

**CITY OF LEVELLAND, TEXAS
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER – MAYORAL ORDER
SAFELY OPENING LEVELLAND – PHASE III – ADOPTION OF GA-26**

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 City of Levelland and beyond; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Levelland, Barbra Pinner, declared a local state of disaster for public health emergency pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, based upon the need for extraordinary measures to contain COVID-19 and to prevent its spread throughout the City of Levelland with such declaration being extended by the City Council Resolutions 2020-09, 2020-14, 2020-16, 2020-21 and 2020-22 of the City of Levelland; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas renewed his state-wide disaster proclamation for an additional thirty (30) days, certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the United States President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have issued guidelines for *Opening Up America Again* providing guidance on safely opening up American business and society that continues to emphasize minimizing travel, maximizing social distancing and avoiding socializing in large groups; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-23, effective until 11:59 p.m. on June 3rd, superseding Executive Order GA-21, expanding the reopening of businesses and services throughout most of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Levelland, in response to the issuance of Executive Order GA-23 and the continued spread of COVID-19, found it necessary to continue the extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster, and adopt certain measures extending the re-opening retail businesses under certain terms and conditions, approved via Resolution No. 2020-21 on May 18, 2020 to help further contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Levelland; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-26, superseding Executive Order GA-23, expanding the reopening of businesses and services throughout most of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the *Minimum Standard Health Protocols* for Outdoor Events, revised June 3, 2020 in conjunction with Executive Order GA-26 issued by the Governor of the State of Texas has removed the criteria recommending that except for members of the same household, only one person per golf cart; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Levelland has authorized the Mayor, pursuant to Resolution 2020-22 extending the Declaration of Local Disaster to update the restrictions set out in the Resolution to respond to the evolving circumstances of this outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has determined that, due to evolving circumstances and the issuance of Executive Order GA-26 and the desire of the City of Levelland to continue to safely re-open businesses in the City of Levelland, and in accordance with the authority granted by the City Council in Resolution 2020-22, the following order is adopted;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LEVELLAND, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The recitals outlined above are found to be true and correct and are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. All terms and conditions of the Governor's Executive Order GA-26 is hereby adopted by reference and is incorporated herein as though set forth fully herein. Additionally, the guidelines and recommendations provided by the Governor in conjunction with issuing Executive Order GA-26, are also adopted, to the extent it does not conflict with this Order, and all businesses, religious institutions and citizens are encouraged to review and follow said guidelines. A copy of Executive Order GA-26 is attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth fully herein.

SECTION 3. While nothing in this Order should be construed as preventing a private establishment or business from implementing their own restrictions or regulations, any restrictions by the City of Levelland limiting riders in golf carts to only one person unless they are members of the same household is hereby lifted and removed.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this Order shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary of the City of Levelland.

SECTION 5. In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, this Order is being issued in City of Levelland's Emergency Management Plan and any person who knowingly or intentionally violates this Order commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00.

SECTION 6. This Order shall go into effect immediately upon approval and continue until 11:59 p.m., Monday, June 22, 2020, unless renewed, extended, amended or cancelled by the Mayor or City Council of the City of Levelland.

SECTION 7. That all other terms and conditions of Resolution all other terms and conditions of Resolution 2020-22 not specifically amended herein are hereby affirmed and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. That to the extent this Mayoral Order conflicts with the Governor's Executive Order GA-26, Executive Order GA-26 controls and the Mayor may comport and amend this Order and any subsequent order to be consistent with Executive Order GA-26.

SECTION 9. That the Mayor is authorized to use all available resources of the City of Levelland reasonably necessary to comply with this Order.

Issued this 5th day of June, 2020.



Barbra Pinner
Mayor

ATTEST:



Beth A. Walls, TRMC, IPMA-HR SCP
City Secretary