

MAYORAL 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 the City of Levelland 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 City Council of the City of Levelland, 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 of Local Disaster Order No. 2 - Stay at Home, approved via Resolution No. 2020-14 on April 6, 2020 to help further contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Levelland; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.f.vii of Resolution No. 2020-14 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 City Council has authorized the Mayor, pursuant to applicable provisions of Texas Government Code Chapter 418 and Texas Health and Safety Code § 122.006, on behalf of the City of Levelland, 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 City, 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 City's 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 Mayor has determined that this order and clarification of the "Stay at Home" order is necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LEVELLAND, 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 City of Levelland's 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 Council's Resolution 2020-14 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 Council's Resolution 2020-14 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 Mayor or City Council of the City of Levelland.

So ordered this 23rd day of April 2020.



Barbra Pinner
Mayor



ATTEST:



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