

EIGHTH DECLARATION OF DISASTER  
(COVID-19)

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has been recognized as a pandemic by the World Health Organization and is a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, pursuant to Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor declared a state of disaster for the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Lubbock County, Texas declared a state of disaster; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, certain schools, universities, and other governmental entities had begun to alter their schedules, and some venues were beginning to temporarily close, as precautionary responses to the increasing presence of COVID-19 in Texas; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are expected to mount at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lubbock has already taken numerous steps to prepare for COVID-19, such as coordinating preparedness efforts across state and local agencies, and working with local partners to promote appropriate mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is critical for the City of Lubbock to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Lubbock and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster will facilitate and expedite the use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response; and

WHEREAS, in light of recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control regarding social distancing protocols, it is necessary to issue guidance regarding public and private gatherings in order to mitigate the spread of the disease and preserve and protect public health; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued statewide orders; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has issued several Declarations of Disaster, to facilitate enforcement of the Governor's Order; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the Mayor issued a Seventh Declaration of Disaster, closing non-essential retail businesses, providing guidance for conducting essential businesses, and consolidating his prior Declarations; and

WHEREAS, the White House and CDC Guidelines for *Opening Up America Again* continue to state that:

- a. ALL VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS should continue to shelter in place. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that by returning to work or other environments where distancing is not practical, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from vulnerable residents.
- b. All individuals, WHEN IN PUBLIC (e.g., parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping areas), should maximize physical distance from others. Social settings of more than 10 people, where appropriate distancing may not be practical, should be avoided unless precautionary measures are observed.
- c. Avoid SOCIALIZING in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing (e.g., receptions, trade shows).
- d. MINIMIZE NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL and adhere to CDC guidelines regarding isolation following travel.

Additional White House and CDC guidance may be found at:  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, the Governor issued an Executive Order (GA-18), relating to statewide continuity of essential services and activities during the COVID-19 disaster, which provides, among other things, that, “[t]his executive order shall supersede any conflicting order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster, but only to the extent that such a local order restricts essential services or reopened services allowed by this executive order or allows gatherings prohibited by this executive order, or expands the list of essential services or the list or scope of reopened services as set forth in this executive order;” and

WHEREAS, Executive Order (GA-18) also, “...suspend[s] Sections 418.1015(b) and 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 81, Subchapter E of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and any other relevant statutes, to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not impose restrictions inconsistent with this executive order, provided that local officials may enforce this executive order as well as local restrictions that are consistent with this executive order;” and

WHEREAS, Executive Order (GA-18) states that, “[i]n accordance with guidance from DSHS Commissioner Dr. Hellerstedt, and to achieve the goals established

by the President to reduce the spread of COVID-19, every person in Texas shall, except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services or reopened services, minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household. People over the age of 65, however, are strongly encouraged to stay at home as much as possible; to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous 14 days; and, if leaving the home, to implement social distancing and to practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation;” and

WHEREAS, this Declaration does not restrict essential services or reopened services allowed by the executive order, or allow gatherings prohibited by the executive order, or expand the list of essential services or the list or scope of reopened services as set forth in the governor’s executive order; and

WHEREAS, since April 14, 2020, Lubbock has experienced less than 15 new cases of COVID-19 per day, and less than 7 new cases for 4 of those days; and

WHEREAS, as of April 27, 2020 there have been 504 confirmed cases of COVID-19 infections, of which only 289 remain active; and

WHEREAS, as of April 27, 2020, Lubbock’s hospital bed capacity is more than adequate to treat the current rate of COVID-19 cases; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS that:

- 1) COVID-19 continues to pose an imminent threat of disaster to the City of Lubbock; and
- 2) Pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Government Code, a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Lubbock, Texas; and
- 3) 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 Lubbock; and
- 4) Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary; and
- 5) Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the city’s emergency management plan. The furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration is hereby authorized. The appropriate preparedness and response aspects of the plan are activated and take effect immediately after this local state of disaster is declared; and

- 6) The use of all available resources of the City of Lubbock that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster are hereby authorized; and
- 7) To the extent permitted by law, any local ordinance or administrative rule prescribing the procedures for conduct of City business or any local ordinance or administrative rule that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster, including any local ordinance or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement which would impede the City's emergency response necessary to cope with this declared disaster, are hereby suspended, but only for the duration of this declared local disaster and only for that limited purpose; and
- 8) Pursuant to §418.108(g) of the Government Code, the Mayor of the City of Lubbock may control ingress to and egress from a disaster area within the incorporated limits of the City of Lubbock and control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in that area; and
- 9) Pursuant to §122.006 of the Health & Safety Code, the City of Lubbock may adopt rules to protect the health of persons in the municipality, including quarantine rules to protect the residents against communicable disease; and
- 10) The virus that causes COVID-19 is easily transmitted, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle an influx of patients and safeguard public health and safety.

#### **ADOPTION OF GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER GA-18**

- 11) The Governor's executive order GA-18 is hereby adopted by reference and incorporated herein as if copied verbatim. To the extent that any provision of GA-18, or any subsequent executive order, conflicts with any provision of this Declaration, the executive order supersedes and controls this Declaration.

#### **STAY AT HOME IF YOU ARE SICK**

- 12) Any person who is sick or currently experiencing common COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, cough, or shortness of breath, is hereby ordered to STAY AT HOME until such time that:
  - a. He or she has had no fever for at least 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine, such as Tylenol; and
  - b. His or her other symptoms have improved; and

- c. At least 14 days have passed since the symptoms first appeared.

If any person in a household has tested positive for COVID-19, all persons in the household are hereby ordered to STAY AT HOME and self-quarantine for a period of at least 14 days. Members of the household may not travel to work, school, or anywhere else until cleared by a medical professional.

This order does not prohibit any person from leaving his or her residence to seek necessary medical or emergency care.

### **VOLUNTARY LUBBOCK SAFE! PROGRAM**

- 13) The voluntary *Lubbock Safe!* Guidelines, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, are in addition to the mandatory regulations required by the Governor's Executive Order (GA-18 and any subsequent executive order) and are not required. Businesses and their customers who choose to adhere to these voluntary guidelines demonstrate that they are going above and beyond the required health and safety protocols, and entitle a business to use the *Lubbock Safe!* designation in its advertising and marketing; and
- 14) The Mayor, or his designee, may amend the *Lubbock Safe!* Guidelines, and may issue clarifying or interpretive guidance, to respond to the evolving circumstances of this outbreak, to respond to subsequent executive orders, and to aid businesses and their customers in adhering to the intent of this voluntary program.

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 15) The Mayor may update the restrictions set out in this order as necessary to respond to the evolving circumstances of this outbreak during the duration of the Disaster Declaration issued on March 16, 2020 and any extension of the Declaration by the City Council of the City of Lubbock;
- 16) Subject to the guidance set forth in the Governor's executive order GA-18, and any subsequent executive order, the Lubbock Health Department may require additional occupancy, sanitation, signage, and social distancing practices for any business which remains open; and
- 17) For ANY workplace that remains open, management of the business should facilitate and encourage practicing social distancing and good hygiene and, where feasible, require employees to work from home in order to achieve optimum isolation from COVID-19.

## ENFORCEMENT

- 18) Pursuant to GA-18, local officials may enforce the governor's executive order as well as local restrictions which are consistent with the executive order; and
- 19) Pursuant to Lubbock City Ordinance 1.04.007, the duties and powers of the chief of police, the chief of the fire department and the fire marshal are hereby amended such that if the owner or person responsible for the condition of a building or structure or premises, whether a resident or nonresident of the city, fails to comply with the order of the chief of police, the chief of the fire department and the fire marshal, to limit social gatherings in compliance with this Declaration in or on the building or structure or on the lot, tract or parcel of land or premises where such health hazard exists, as directed by the chief of police, the chief of the fire department and the fire marshal, the chief of police, the chief of the fire department and the fire marshal may abate the use of nonresidential buildings or structures, and to that end the chief of police, the chief of the fire department and the fire marshal shall have authority to close said nonresidential building or structure and to prevent its use or occupancy until the order of the chief of police, the chief of the fire department and the fire marshal has been complied with; and
- 20) Pursuant to Lubbock City Ordinance 1.04.010, it shall be unlawful for any person willfully to obstruct, hinder or delay any member of the civil defense organization in the enforcement of any rule or regulation issued pursuant to this article or to do any act forbidden by any rule or regulation issued pursuant to an emergency declaration; and
- 21) Pursuant to §418.173, failure to comply with an emergency management plan or with a rule, order, or ordinance adopted under the plan is an offense, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; and
- 22) Peace officers, the Lubbock Police Department, the Lubbock Code Enforcement Department, the Lubbock Environmental Health Department, the Lubbock Health Department, and the Lubbock Fire Marshall's Office, are hereby authorized to enforce this order; and
- 23) That should any paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Declaration be declared to be in conflict with the Governor's executive order GA-18, or any subsequent executive order, or be declared to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of this Declaration shall not be affected thereby; and
- 24) That this Declaration shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on May 1, 2020, shall supersede and supplant all prior Declarations, and shall continue through

May 15, 2020, subject to extension thereafter based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the Office of the Governor and the Guidelines from the President and the CDC.

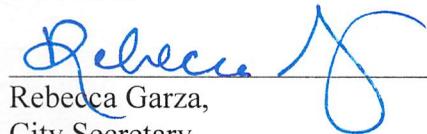
SO DECLARED and ORDERED on **April 28, 2020** at 5:00 P.M.

FOR THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS:

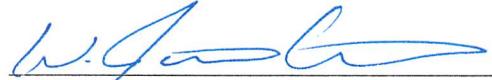


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DANIEL M. POPE, Mayor

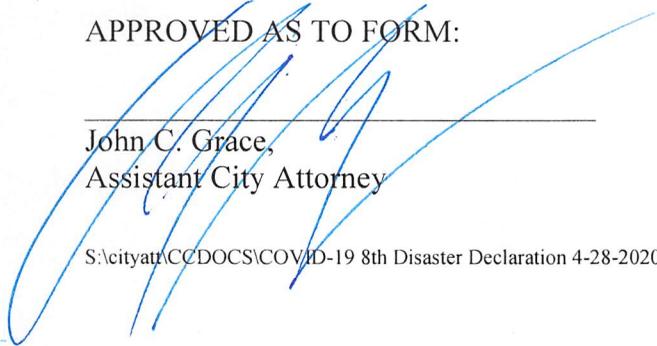
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City Secretary

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City Manager

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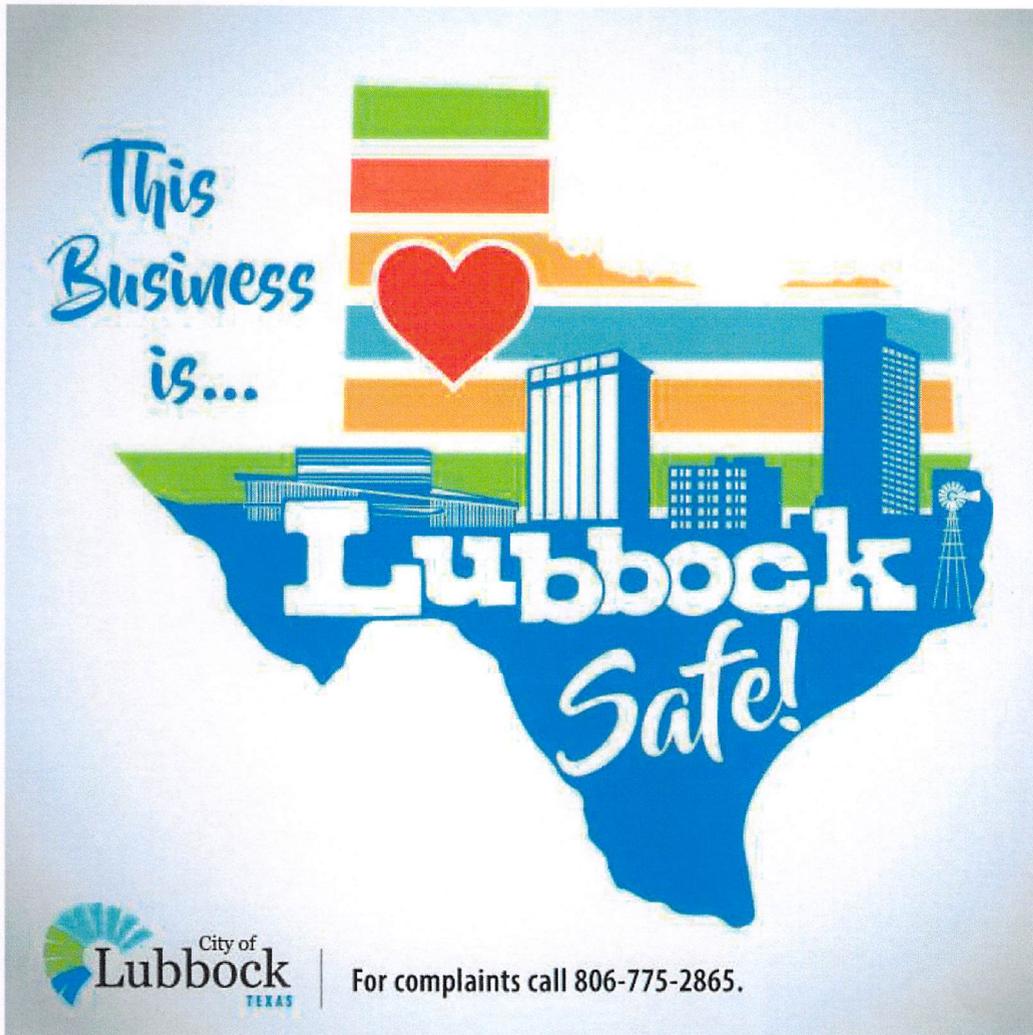
  
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# Lubbock Economic Recovery Task Force *Lubbock Safe!* Guidelines April 28, 2020

*Lubbock Safe!* is a voluntary certification program for Lubbock businesses. No business allowed to reopen by the State is required to follow these guidelines or participate in *Lubbock Safe!* Participation is a visible way to show your business goes beyond the minimum state standards to provide confidence and safety for customers and employees. Businesses who certify as *Lubbock Safe!* will be listed on the City website and the program will be featured in extensive social media campaigns.

It is the recommendation of this task force that the City Council put the *Lubbock Safe!* guidelines and program into effect at 12:01 AM Friday May 1st, 2020.



**Important Note: Licensed or Regulated businesses MUST follow the relevant guidance from their regulatory entity. Nothing in the *Lubbock Safe!* guidelines supersede, replace or excuse regulatory compliance.**

### **General Health and Safety Guidelines:**

The following General Health and Safety Guidelines apply to all businesses, with exceptions or additions noted. The objective of these guidelines is to provide uniform standards to businesses and their customers who desire to go above and beyond the Governor's Executive Orders to further protect public health by reducing virus transmission risk and promoting social distancing as economic activity resumes. All businesses, whether providing an essential service or not, may voluntarily follow these General Health and Safety Guidelines in order to be "Lubbock Safe!"

- Hand sanitizer stations should be placed near every entrance (touchless preferred).
- Face coverings are strongly recommended for all employees and for all customers entering any business.
- At-risk persons should stay at home as much as possible.
- Signage and notifications to customers should strongly recommend at-risk populations take extra precautions to protect themselves from contracting COVID-19.
- Practice 6 foot social distancing protocols throughout the business, for customers and employees.
- All employees should be trained on appropriate cleaning and disinfection protocols, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- Employees (including volunteers) should use hand sanitizer or wash their hands upon entering their place of work. It is strongly recommended employees use hand sanitizer or wash their hands between customers.
- Cashiers are strongly encouraged to use hand sanitizer or wash their hands between each customer.
- A barrier between cashiers and customers that extends beyond standard counter space is strongly recommended. This can be done with a barrier such as boxes/tables or a transparent partition.
- Forehead temperature scan and health survey of all employees (including volunteers) should be taken prior to every shift. Employees and volunteers who answer affirmatively to any questions on the health survey, or who have a temperature in excess of 100 degrees Fahrenheit, should be sent home.
- Businesses can use the health survey to screen employees (without forehead temperature scans) until the businesses can acquire an adequate supply of touchless forehead thermometers.
- Touchless payment options should be encouraged.
- Frequently used work areas and touch points should be cleaned and sanitized in 30 minute intervals.
- Required signage, directional/distance markings on floors, employee sanitation guidelines etc. should be clearly posted.

- Businesses should take affirmative steps to comply with all public health regulations, sanitation guidelines and codes applicable to your industry.

### **Enclosed Shopping Malls:**

These additional guidelines apply to businesses which facilitate multiple independent retail businesses connected by a fully enclosed common area. Individual retail outlets will be subject to General Health & Safety guidelines above. In addition to the General Health and Safety Guidelines, these businesses should adhere to the following additional guidelines in the enclosed common areas:

- 25% Occupancy limit for the enclosed common area, based on the Fire Marshall rating (excluding employees of the business.)
- Children under the age of 18 should be accompanied at all times by an adult parent or guardian.
- Food courts, dining areas, play areas and interactive displays and other settings which facilitate social gatherings should remain closed.

### **Large store or “Big Box” Retail:**

These guidelines apply to retail businesses, whether or not they provide essential services, which have in excess of 30,000 square feet of retail space open to the public. In addition to the General Health and Safety Guidelines, these businesses should adhere to the following additional guidelines:

- 30,000 to 45,000 square foot facilities have an occupancy limit of 25% of the Fire Marshall Rating or 200 people, (excluding employees), whichever is less.
- 45,000 to 60,000 square foot facilities have an occupancy limit of 25% of the Fire Marshall Rating or 250 people, (excluding employees), whichever is less.
- Over 60,000 square foot facilities have an occupancy limit of 25% of the Fire Marshall Rating or 300 people, (excluding employees), whichever is less.

### **Restaurants:**

The following guidelines apply to all restaurants that are not required to post the 51 percent sign as determined by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC). In addition to the General Health and Safety Guidelines, these businesses should adhere to the following additional guidelines:

- 25% Occupancy limit based on the Fire Marshall rating (excluding employees).
- Maximum of 6 customers per table.
- Encourage reservations to reduce customers waiting in groups for a table to open.
- Valet services should be suspended, except for customers whose vehicles display placards or plates for disabled parking.

- 6 foot social distancing should be observed in waiting areas, including outside sections.
- Self-serve buffets and stations should be avoided. Patrons should only order items from a menu.
- Face coverings are required of all employees.
- Customers should be given a new cup or glass for each drink refill.
- Place settings, utensils, menus, and condiments should be single-use or should be cleaned and sanitized after every customer.
- Only covered straws should be served.
- Each dining table should be cleaned and sanitized after each customer.
- A designated manager should be responsible for sanitation oversight on each shift.

### **Non-Essential Medical:**

Businesses in this category provide non-emergency medical services to individual customers. Examples include dentists, optometrists, and other non-emergency outpatient services. In addition to the General Health and Safety Guidelines, these businesses should adhere to the following additional guidelines:

- 25% Occupancy limit based on the Fire Marshall rating (excluding employees).
- Customers/patients should be seen by appointment only.
- Customers should stay in their car or outside until invited in for their appointment.
- Forehead temperature scan and health survey of all customers prior to their treatment. Customers who answer affirmatively to any questions on the health survey or have a temperature in excess of 100 degrees Fahrenheit need to be sent home.
- Non-essential Medical Businesses can use the health survey to screen employees (without forehead temperature scans) until the businesses can acquire an adequate supply of touchless forehead thermometers.
- Children under the age of 18, and special needs customers needing assistance, may be accompanied by a parent or guardian during treatment. Parents and guardians are encouraged to wear a face covering.
- Employees treating a client are strongly encouraged to wear a face shield or face mask.
- Employees are encouraged to wear gloves. Gloves are to be disposed of after each use.
- Work areas and equipment are to be cleaned and sanitized after each customer.

### **Child Care Providers:**

In addition to the General Health and Safety Guidelines, these businesses should adhere to the “COVID-19 Guidance to Child Care Facilities” provided by Texas Health and Human Services, including:

- Prohibit any person except the following from accessing an operation: operation staff; persons with legal authority to enter, including law enforcement officers,

HHSC Child Care Licensing staff, and Department of Family and Protective Services staff; professionals providing services to children; children enrolled at the operation; and parents who have children enrolled and present at the operation.

- Forehead temperature scan and health survey of all authorized people entering the facility. Clients who answer affirmatively to any questions on the health survey or have a temperature in excess of 100 degrees Fahrenheit need to be sent home.
- Require pick up and drop off of children outside of the operation, unless you determine that there is a legitimate need for the parent to enter an operation.
- Ensure that each child is provided individual meals and snacks. Do not serve family style meals.

### **Houses of Worship:**

In addition to the General Health and Safety Guidelines, these businesses should adhere to the “Guidance of Houses of Worship During the COVID-19 Crisis” provided by the Office of the Texas Attorney General and the Office of the Governor of Texas, including:

- It is possible for a church to utilize the guidelines for the Outdoor Gathering category. This includes drive-in style services
- Child care is to remain closed unless the House of Worship can comply with the relevant guidelines for the Child Care Provider category.
- Ensure the attendees sit with their family unit, use social distancing between each unit, and, if necessary, add more service times to facilitate distancing.
- Alternate rows between attendees (every other row left empty).
- Clergy and/or ushers should dismiss attendees by family unit or row to maintain social distancing as people exit the building.
- Staff should sanitize seats and frequently used surfaces between services.
- Consider refraining from passing collection plates and instead provide a central collection box in the building or encourage online giving.
- Consider how the sacraments can be administered without attendees touching the same surface and objects.

### **Event Centers:**

If allowed by Executive Order GA 18 or a subsequent order, this section applies to businesses that provide indoor/outdoor event space and/or otherwise allow for gatherings larger than those recommended by the President and the CDC, such as movie theaters, museums, libraries, funeral homes, etc. In addition to the General Health and Safety Guidelines, these businesses should adhere to the following additional guidelines:

- 25% occupancy limit based on the Fire Marshall rating (excluding employees).
- Relevant Restaurant guidelines apply to this category if food/beverage is sold/provided.
- All ticket sales should occur online and not at a box office.
- Strict social distancing should occur with seating. For rows that are not 6 feet deep, every other row should not be used.

- Customers should sit with their party. There should be 6 feet of separation between parties.
- Components of these businesses that have interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas, should remain closed.
- A dedicated area for all pictures, that is cleaned (if applicable) between each group being photographed, should be provided.
- A dedicated area at least 6 feet from customer seats should be provided for Speakers/Presenters/Facilitators/Docents/Ushers.
- All chairs, tables, and equipment used during the event should be cleaned and sanitized after each event/activity.

### **Outside Gatherings:**

If allowed by Executive Order GA 18 or a subsequent order, businesses or facilities that host or provide “Outside Gatherings” such as graduations, concerts, weddings, worship services, political gatherings or demonstrations which take place outside of a confined space. In addition to the General Health and Safety Guidelines, these businesses should adhere to the following additional guidelines:

- Employees and customers should follow social distancing guidelines.
- Face coverings should be strongly encouraged.
- Food and drinks should be kept in a designated area. Relevant Restaurant guidelines apply to this category if food/beverage is sold/provided.
- A dedicated area for all pictures, that is cleaned (if applicable) between each group being photographed, should be provided.
- A dedicated area with advanced social distancing of at least 10 feet from customer seats should be provided for Speakers/Presenters/Facilitators/Docents/Ushers.
- All chairs, tables, and equipment should be cleaned and sanitized before and after the event.
- All trash should be removed from the area within 2 hours after the event. A dedicated manager/leader should inspect the area to ensure everything is as clean as the area was prior to the event.
- Participants should comply with all laws and regulations of the City of Lubbock.

### **Outdoor Farmer/Flea Markets:**

In addition to the General Health and Safety Guidelines, these businesses should adhere to the following additional guidelines:

- Outdoor Event Category Guidelines apply to this category.
- Relevant Restaurant Category Guidelines apply to this category if food is being sold for on-site consumption.
- Relevant Non-Essential Retail Category Guidelines apply to this category if goods or services are being sold.

## **Warehousing, Distribution and Manufacturing:**

In addition to the General Health and Safety Guidelines, these businesses should adhere to the following additional guidelines:

- Employees and customers within these facilities should be able to practice social distancing at all times while doing their job.
- Facility should be cleaned and sanitized at all key touch points every two hours.
- All touchpoints on MHE equipment, hand trucks, etc. should be cleaned and sanitized before and after each shift and/or between operator changes.
- All employees should wear face coverings upon entry and in all common areas. Face coverings may be removed to utilize voice activated equipment if necessary.
- Tractors - Disinfectant wipes or spray should be provided to sanitize cab interior touch points, door handles, etc. at the beginning and end of each shift.
- Drivers should practice social distancing and wear face covering when making deliveries. Hand sanitizer should be available for use in the cab of the truck.

## **PHASE 2 ROLL OUT CATEGORIES:**

### **Personal Care Businesses:**

- Per the Texas Governor's Executive Order GA18 dated 04/27/2020.

### **Fitness/Gym Facilities:**

- Per the Texas Governor's Executive Order GA18 dated 04/27/2020.

### **Bowling Alleys:**

- Per the Texas Governor's Executive Order GA18 dated 04/27/2020.

### **Bars and Nightclubs:**

- Per the Texas Governor's Executive Order GA18 dated 04/27/2020.

### **Public Swimming Pools:**

- Per the Texas Governor's Executive Order GA18 dated 04/27/2020.

### **Amusement Parks, Arcades and Bounce Houses:**

- Per the Texas Governor's Executive Order GA18 dated 04/27/2020.

### **Bowling alleys:**

- Per the Texas Governor's Executive Order GA18 dated 04/27/2020.

**Youth and Adult Team Sports:**

- Per the Texas Governor's Executive Order GA18 dated 04/27/2020.

**Additional Businesses prohibited from opening in phase 1 per the Texas Governor's Executive Order GA18 dated 04/27/2020:**

- Massage Establishments
- Tattoo Studios
- Piercing Studios
- Cosmetology Salons

April 28, 2020

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND CONTINUING THE MAYOR'S  
EIGHTH DECLARATION OF DISASTER  
(COVID-19)**

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WHEREAS, the Mayor has issued multiple Declarations of Disaster in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, since April 14, 2020, Lubbock has experienced less than 15 new cases of COVID-19 per day, and less than 7 new cases for 4 of those days; and

WHEREAS, as of April 27, 2020 there have been 504 confirmed cases of COVID-19 infections, of which only 289 remain active; and

WHEREAS, as of April 27, 2020, Lubbock's hospital bed capacity is more than adequate to treat the current rate of COVID-19 cases; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has issued a Eighth Declaration of Disaster, which adopts and incorporates the governor's recent executive order (GA-18) regarding the reopening of retail businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Eighth Declaration of Disaster also creates the *Lubbock Safe!* Certification program to recognize businesses and their customers who choose to adhere to the program's voluntary guidelines, demonstrating that they are going above and beyond the required health and safety protocols, and entitling the business to use the *Lubbock Safe!* designation in its advertising and marketing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Lubbock has determined that it is necessary to renew and continue the state of local disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND DECLARED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS:

1. That the City Council consents to the Mayor's Eighth Declaration of a Local State of Disaster, a true and correct copy of which is attached to this Resolution as **Exhibit A** as if copied verbatim, including the adoption of executive order GA-18 and the creation of the *Lubbock Safe!* program, and hereby renews and continues the local state of disaster for the City of Lubbock, Texas pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code; and
2. The Mayor may update the restrictions set out in the Declaration as necessary to respond to the evolving circumstances of this outbreak during the duration of the Disaster Declaration issued on this date and any extension of the Declaration by the City Council of the City of Lubbock; and

3. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance;  
and
4. That the City Council shall review the local state of disaster and the restrictions on mass gatherings and retail businesses at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 12, 2020.

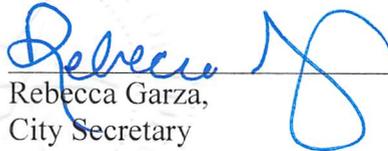
SO ORDERED this the 28th day of April, 2020.

**FOR THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS:**



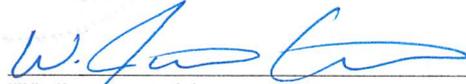
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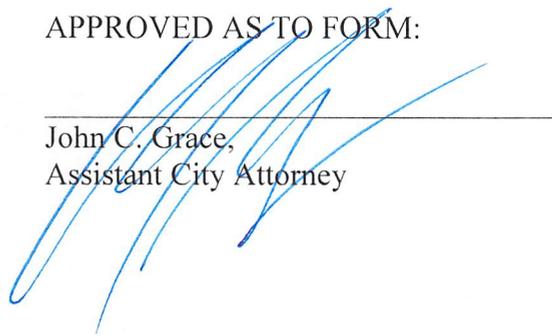
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