

**MAYORAL ORDER AND CLARIFICATION OF
RESOLUTION 2020-16 – ELIMINATION OF CONFINEMENT IN JAIL AS PUNISHMENT**

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 May 5, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-21, effective until 11:59 p.m. on May 19th, superseding Executive Order GA-18, incorporating the terms of Executive Order GA-18, expanding the reopening of certain businesses and services and clarifying terms used and conditions used in portions of Executive Order GA-18; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Levelland, in response to the issuance of Executive Order GA-21 and the continued spread of COVID-19, found it necessary to continue the extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster, and adopt certain measures re-opening retail businesses under certain terms and conditions, approved via Resolution No. 2020-16 on May 7, 2020 to help further contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Levelland; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-22 eliminating confinement in jail as a punishment for violating a declaration of local disaster; 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-21 and GA 22 the Mayor has determined that this order and clarification of the Resolution 2020-16 is necessary;

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

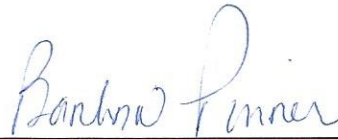
SECTION 1. THAT the punishment provision found in Section 5 of Resolution 2020-16 is amended to eliminate confinement in jail as a possible punishment for violating Resolution 2020-16 or any order issued subsequently to Resolution 2020-16.

SECTION 2. THAT for clarification purposes, Section 5 of Resolution 2020-16, should now be read to state that, in accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, any person who knowingly or intentionally violates Resolution 2020-16 or any order issued in response to the COVID-19 disaster after April 2, 2020, commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00.

SECTION 3. THAT all terms and conditions of the Council's Resolution 2020-16 not specifically clarified or modified by this Order are hereby affirmed and remain in full force and effect and are continued.

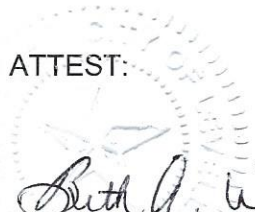
SECTION 4. THAT this clarification and modification of the Council's Resolution 2020-16 shall go into effect immediately and continue until 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2020 unless renewed, extended, amended or cancelled by the Mayor or City Council of the City of Levelland.

So ordered this 13th day of May 2020.



Barbra Pinner
Mayor

ATTEST:



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