

**CITY OF LEVELLAND, TEXAS
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
MAYORAL ORDER - ADOPTION OF GA-30**

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 Resolution Nos. 2020-09, 2020-14, 2020-16, 2020-21, 2020-22, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-28 and 2020-36 of the City of Levelland; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 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 Governor of the State of Texas has stated that, due to improved medical treatments for COVID-19 patients, substantial increases in testing, abundant supplies of personal protective equipment, and Texans' adherence to safe practices like social distancing, hand sanitizing, and use of face coverings, the spread of COVID-19 and the number of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations have steadily and significantly declined since late July; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-30, superseding Executive Order GA-28, further expanding the reopening of businesses, activities, nursing homes and related facilities, and services throughout most of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Levelland has authorized the Mayor, pursuant to Resolution 2020-36 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 the improving and evolving circumstances and the issuance of Executive Order GA-30 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 No. 2020-36, 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. Beginning Monday, September 21, 2020, unless an earlier date is noted in Executive Order GA-30, all terms and conditions of the Governor's Executive Order GA-30 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-30, 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-30 is attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth fully herein.

SECTION 3. All outdoor gatherings in excess of 10 people are prohibited unless such event has been previously approved by the Mayor, minimum standard health protocols as recommended by Texas Department of State Health Services are followed and they comply with any other restrictions, guidelines or protocols established by the Mayor not inconsistent with GA-30.

SECTION 4. Nothing in this Order should be construed as preventing a private establishment or business from implementing their own restrictions or regulations in accordance appropriate minimum state health guidelines.

SECTION 5. All other terms and conditions of Resolution No. 2020-36 not specifically amended by this Order or superseded by GA-30 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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 8. This Order shall go into effect immediately upon approval and continue until 11:59 p.m., Monday, September 28, 2020, unless renewed, extended, amended or cancelled by the Mayor or City Council of the City of Levelland.

SECTION 9. That to the extent this Mayoral Order conflicts with the Governor's Executive Order GA-30, Executive Order GA-30 controls and the Mayor may comport and amend this Order and any subsequent order to be consistent with Executive Order GA-30.

SECTION 10. That the Mayor is authorized to use all available resources of the City of Levelland reasonably necessary to comply with this Order.

Issued this 18th day of September, 2020.



Barbra Pinner
Mayor



ATTEST:



Andréa Corley, City Secretary