

**AGENDA  
SNYDER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 15, 2020  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1925 24<sup>th</sup> STREET  
SNYDER, TEXAS  
12:00 P.M.**

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE:**

**In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020 the City of Snyder will conduct the meeting scheduled at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 in the City Council Chambers, located at 1925 24<sup>th</sup> Street Snyder, Texas by telephone conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). [There will be no public access to the location described above.]**

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I. INVOCATION:

II. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

1. Mayor Tony Wofford

### III. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM:

1. At This Time, Any Person With Business Before The Council May Speak To The Council. No Formal Action Can Be Taken On These Items At This Meeting. Each Speaker Will Be Limited To Five Minutes.

### IV. MINUTES:

1. Consider And Act On Approval Of The Minutes Of The Regular Council Meeting July 6, 2020. (Pages 1-3)

Documents:

[MIN 200706.PDF](#)

### V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion Regarding 2020-2021 Budget. (Information Will Be Available On The City's Website)
2. Consider And Act On Acceptance The Resignation Of Brooke Proctor From The Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone Board Of Directors.
3. Consider And Act On Approval Of Resolution R200715A Appointing One New Member To The Board Of Directors To The Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone Number One And Appointing One Member Of The Board To Serve As Chairman As Captioned Below: (Pages 4-5)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS, APPOINTING ONE NEW MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE (TIF #1), CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS, APPOINTING ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO SUCH BOARD.**

Documents:

[R200715A.PDF](#)

4. Consider And Act On Approval Of Resolution R200715B Amending And Extending The Declaration Of Disaster Regarding The Coronavirus (COVID-19). (Pages 6-16)

Documents:

[R200715B.PDF](#)

### VI. INFORMATION:

1. Next Regular Council Meeting August 3, 5:30 P.m.

### VII. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Consider Motion To Adjourn.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**CITY OF SNYDER**

**JULY 6, 2020**

A Teleconference Meeting of the City Council of the City of Snyder, Texas was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Mayor Tony Wofford and was held with the following members present:

Councilmember Sarah Jamison  
Councilmember Vernon Clay  
Councilmember Steve Rich  
Councilmember Steve Highfield  
Councilmember Tom Strayhorn  
Attorney for the City, Bryan Guymon

Absent:

Councilmember Terry Martin

**ITEM I. INVOCATION:**

The invocation was given by Councilmember Tom Strayhorn.

**ITEM II. PUBLIC HEARING: PUBLIC HEARING ON INTENTION OF CITY OF SNYDER TO DESIGNATE THE LLANO ESCONDIDO REINVESTMENT ZONE, ESTABLISH THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF AND PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 312 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE.**

1. Open. Time: 5:34 p.m.
2. Discussion: No comments were made by the public.
3. Close. Time: 5:40 p.m.

**ITEM III. RECOGNIZE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:**

Mayor Tony Wofford recognized Ryan Reeves as employee of the month.

**ITEM IV. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:**

Mayor Tony Wofford recognized the following visitors:

Bill Crist, Snyder Daily News; Frank Saletta, Llano Escondido LLC; Bill Robertson, Development Corporation of Snyder; Linda Molina, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Jeremy Finley, Bo Simon, Inc; Bill Smyrl, K-Son, Inc; Mark Mayfield, Texas Housing Foundation.

**ITEM V. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM:**

No discussion.

**ITEM VI. BIDS**

1. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to award the bid for water and sewer line improvements for Dept. 35 and Dept. 75 to Bo Simon Inc. for \$1,027,182.25

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

**ITEM VII. MINUTES:**

1. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting June 1, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tom Strayhorn and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

**ITEM VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to approve Resolution R200706A designating the Llano Escondido Reinvestment Zone, establishing the boundaries thereof and providing for an effective date, pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tom Strayhorn and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

2. Discussion regarding Tax Abatement Agreement with Llano Escondido LLC, pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. – City Attorney Bryan Guymon informed the council the next step in the process would be for the council to vote on the tax abatement agreement. A tax abatement agreement will be presented to the council at a future meeting in August.
3. The council acknowledged receipt of a request to annex 10.281 acres located on Highway 350 submitted by Bill Smyrl K-Son, Inc.
4. Discussion regarding proposed Chapter 380 Incentives. – Bill Robertson with the Development Corporation of Snyder presented to the council a proposed Chapter 380 incentive program that would refund a portion of a businesses' sales taxes. The amount would vary based on the businesses' investment in one of six designated zones. The six proposed zones are Downtown Snyder, North, East, West, Upper South, and Lower South boundaries inside city limits. No action was taken.
5. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to approve the quarterly Snyder Chamber of Commerce report for quarter ending March 31, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vernon Clay and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

6. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to approve the quarterly Snyder Chamber of Commerce report for quarter ending June 30, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sarah Jamison and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

7. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to approve Resolution R200706B authorizing line item transfers of \$7,300 from account 01-606-506 to account 01-606-407 and \$12,900 from account 01-605-211 to account 01-606-407.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tom Strayhorn and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.  
Noes: None.

8. Councilmember Vernon Clay made the motion to approve the monthly financial report for May.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.  
Noes: None.

**ITEM IX. INFORMATION:**

1. Monthly personnel report.
2. Budget schedule.
3. Special Council Meeting July 15, 12:00 p.m.
4. Next Regular Council Meeting August 3, 5:30 p.m.

**ITEM X. ADJOURNMENT:**

1. Councilmember Vernon Clay made the motion to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tom Strayhorn and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.  
Noes: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

Approved: July 15, 2020.

**RESOLUTION R200715A**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS, APPOINTING ONE NEW MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE (TIF #1), CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS, APPOINTING ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO SUCH BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, on November 4, 2013 pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code Annotated (Vernon 2002), the City Council of the City of Snyder adopted Ordinance No. 1091 which designated an area as Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone Number One (TIF #1), City of Snyder, Texas and established a Board of Directors for the Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of the Ordinance provides that the Board of Directors for the Zone shall consist of five members appointed by Resolution of the City Council of the City of Snyder, at least two members of which shall represent the Development Corporation of Snyder Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of the Ordinance provides that the terms of the members of the Board of Directors shall be two members serving a one-year term and three members serving a two-year term from October 31, 2013, and that each year the City Council shall designate a member of the Board of Directors to serve as Chairman for a term of one year. After the completion of these initial terms, subsequent members shall be appointed by the governing body of the City and shall serve a two-year term; and

**WHEREAS**, Brooke Proctor was appointed to serve a term of two years on the Board of Directors of Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone Number One (TIF #1), City of Snyder, Texas, beginning November 1, 2019 and ending on October 31, 2021, and Brooke Proctor was appointed to serve a term of one year as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone Number One (TIF #1), City of Snyder, Texas, beginning November 1, 2019 and ending on October 31, 2020, and whereas Brooke Proctor has resigned her position on the Board and her position as Chairman of the Board;

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the term of Brooke Proctor, for a term beginning November 1, 2019 and ending on October 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to appoint a new Chairman of the Board of Directors of Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone Number One (TIF #1), City of Snyder, Texas, to serve the remainder of the term of Brooke Proctor, for a term beginning November 1, 2019 and ending on October 31, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1**

The following individual, who is a qualified voter of the City of Snyder, is hereby appointed to the Board of Directors of Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone Number One (TIF #1), City of Snyder, Texas, to serve the remainder of the term of Brooke Proctor, who resigned from the Board, for a term beginning November 1, 2019 and ending on October 31, 2021.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2**

\_\_\_\_\_ is hereby designated to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone Number One (TIF #1), City of Snyder, Texas, to serve beginning November 1, 2019 and ending on October 31, 2020.

**SECTION 3**

That this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its adoption and is accordingly so resolved.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS, BY A VOTE OF \_\_\_ TO \_\_\_, ON THIS THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2020.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary

**RESOLUTION R200715B**

**ADOPTING GA-28 AND GA-29 AND  
EXTENDING DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER**

**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 Snyder and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16 and 17, 2020, the Mayor Pro-Tem issued declarations of local disaster due to the COVID-19 pandemic that were later amended on March 23, 2020, when the Mayor of the City of Snyder, Tony Wofford, 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 Snyder with such declaration being extended by Resolutions of the City Council of the City of Snyder; 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**, COVID-19 continues to spread and pose an imminent threat of widespread or severe illness, injury, or loss of life requiring emergency action and represents a public health disaster according to the Texas Department of State Health Services; 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**, on June 3, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-26 superseding Executive Order GA-23, expanding into Phase III the reopening of businesses and services throughout the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 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**, on June 26, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-28, superseding Executive Order GA-26, that partially retracts some of the reopening of businesses and services throughout the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 2, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation amending GA-28, lowering the mayoral approval threshold for outdoor gatherings from those in excess of 100 to those in excess of 10; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 2, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-29, relating to the use of face coverings during the COVID-19 disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration of Local Disaster extended in the latest Resolution of the City Council expired at 11:59 p.m. on July 6, 2020; and

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

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 continues to spread and to pose an increasing, imminent public health and safety threat throughout City of Snyder and beyond and pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the



City Council of the City of Snyder believes it to be proper and in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare to renew and extend the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency and any subsequent issued orders that have not been rescinded as of the date of this resolution:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

**SECTION 2.** All terms and conditions of the Governor's Executive Orders GA-28 and GA-29 are hereby adopted by reference and are incorporated herein as though set forth fully herein. Additionally, the guidelines and recommendations provided by the Governor in conjunction with issuing Executive Orders GA-28 and GA-29, are also adopted, to the extent it does not conflict with this Resolution, and all businesses, religious institutions and citizens are encouraged to review and follow said guidelines. Copies of Executive Orders GA-28 and GA-29 are 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-28 and GA-29.

**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.** The Declaration of Local Disaster for public health emergency for the City of Snyder, which was signed and executed by the Mayor on March 23, 2020, in accordance with section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, as previously renewed and extended by the Mayor and City Council, shall be renewed and continued through August 3, 2020, unless renewed, extended, amended or cancelled by the Mayor or City Council of the City of Snyder.

**SECTION 6.** Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this Resolution shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary of the City of Snyder.

**SECTION 7.** This resolution, pursuant to applicable provisions of Texas Government Code Chapter 418 and Texas Health and Safety Code § 122.006, authorizes the Mayor to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the COVID-19 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 Scurry County Judge, the Governor of the State of Texas or the Texas Department of State Health Services related to suppressing the COVID-19 virus, activating the emergency management plan for the City of Snyder in conjunction with Scurry County and insuring compliance of such actions.

**SECTION 8.** 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.

**SECTION 9.** That to the extent this Resolution or any order issued pursuant to this Resolution, directly conflicts with the Governor's Executive Orders GA-28 and GA-29 or any subsequent applicable executive order issued by the Governor applicable to municipalities and the Mayor's authority as emergency management director under Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, Executive Orders GA-28 and GA-29, other applicable executive order issued by the Governor controls and the Mayor may comport, clarify and amend any such order to be consistent therewith without further action by the City Council.

**SECTION 10.** Any person who knowingly or intentionally violates this Resolution or any subsequent order issued pursuant to this Resolution, commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 for each occurrence.

**SECTION 11.** This Resolution shall take effect from and after its date of adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Secretary



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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*[Signature]*  
Secretary of State

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-29 relating to the use of face coverings during the COVID-19 disaster.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

*[Signature: Gregory S. Davidson]*  
Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor  
GSD/gsd

Attachment

# Executive Order

BY THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department  
Austin, Texas  
July 2, 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
GA 29

*Relating to the use of face coverings during the COVID-19 disaster.*

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WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in each subsequent month effective through today, I have renewed the disaster declaration for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Dr. John Hellerstedt, has determined that COVID-19 continues to represent a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, I have issued executive orders and suspensions of Texas laws in response to COVID-19, aimed at using the least restrictive means available to protect the health and safety of Texans and ensure an effective response to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, as Texas reopens in the midst of COVID-19, increased spread is to be expected, and the key to controlling the spread and keeping Texans safe is for all people to consistently follow good hygiene and social-distancing practices; and

WHEREAS, due to recent substantial increases in COVID-19 positive cases, and increases in the COVID-19 positivity rate and hospitalizations resulting from COVID-19, further measures are needed to achieve the least restrictive means for reducing the growing spread of COVID-19, and to avoid a need for more extreme measures; and

WHEREAS, I have joined the medical experts in consistently encouraging people to use face coverings, and health authorities have repeatedly emphasized that wearing face coverings is one of the most important and effective tools for reducing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, given the current status of COVID-19 in Texas, requiring the use of face coverings is a targeted response that can combat the threat to public health using the least restrictive means, and if people follow this requirement, more extreme measures may be avoided; and

WHEREAS, wearing a face covering is important not only to protect oneself, but also to avoid unknowingly harming fellow Texans, especially given that many people who go into public may have COVID-19 without knowing it because they have no symptoms; and

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WHEREAS, the “governor is responsible for meeting ... the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters” under Section 418.011 of the Texas Government Code, and the legislature has given the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with any executive order issued during the COVID-19 disaster is an offense punishable under Section 418.173 by fine;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby order the following on a statewide basis effective at 12:01 p.m. on July 3, 2020:

Every person in Texas shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when inside a commercial entity or other building or space open to the public, or when in an outdoor public space, wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household; provided, however, that this face-covering requirement does not apply to the following:

1. any person younger than 10 years of age;
2. any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
3. any person while the person is consuming food or drink, or is seated at a restaurant to eat or drink;
4. any person while the person is (a) exercising outdoors or engaging in physical activity outdoors, and (b) maintaining a safe distance from other people not in the same household;
5. any person while the person is driving alone or with passengers who are part of the same household as the driver;
6. any person obtaining a service that requires temporary removal of the face covering for security surveillance, screening, or a need for specific access to the face, such as while visiting a bank or while obtaining a personal-care service involving the face, but only to the extent necessary for the temporary removal;
7. any person while the person is in a swimming pool, lake, or similar body of water;
8. any person who is voting, assisting a voter, serving as a poll watcher, or actively administering an election, but wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged;
9. any person who is actively providing or obtaining access to religious worship, but wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged;
10. any person while the person is giving a speech for a broadcast or to an audience; or
11. any person in a county (a) that meets the requisite criteria promulgated by

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the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) regarding minimal cases of COVID-19, and (b) whose county judge has affirmatively opted-out of this face-covering requirement by filing with TDEM the required face-covering attestation form—provided, however, that wearing a face covering is highly recommended, and every county is strongly encouraged to follow these face-covering standards.

Not excepted from this face-covering requirement is any person attending a protest or demonstration involving more than 10 people and who is not practicing safe social distancing of six feet from other people not in the same household.

TDEM shall maintain on its website a list of counties that are not subject to this face-covering requirement pursuant to paragraph number 11. The list can be found at: [www.tdem.texas.gov/ga29](http://www.tdem.texas.gov/ga29).

Following a verbal or written warning for a first-time violator of this face-covering requirement, a person's second violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250. Each subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250 per violation.

Local law enforcement and other local officials, as appropriate, can and should enforce this executive order, Executive Order GA-28, and other effective executive orders, as well as local restrictions that are consistent with this executive order and other effective executive orders. But no law enforcement or other official may detain, arrest, or confine in jail any person for a violation of this executive order or for related non-violent, non-felony offenses that are predicated on a violation of this executive order; provided, however, that any official with authority to enforce this executive order may act to enforce trespassing laws and remove violators at the request of a business establishment or other property owner.

This executive order hereby prohibits confinement in jail as a penalty for the violation of any face-covering order by any jurisdiction.

Executive Order GA-28 is hereby amended to delete from paragraph number 15 the phrase: “, but no jurisdiction can impose a civil or criminal penalty for failure to wear a face covering.”

The governor may by proclamation amend this executive order or add to the list of people to whom this face-covering requirement does not apply.

This executive order does not supersede Executive Orders GA-10, GA-13, GA-17, GA-19, GA-24, GA-25, GA-27, or GA-28 as amended. This executive order shall remain in effect and in full force until modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor.

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Given under my hand this the 2nd  
day of July, 2020.

Handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

Handwritten signature of Ruth R. Hughs in black ink.

RUTH R. HUGHS  
Secretary of State

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Secretary of State

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation amending Executive Order GA-28 relating to mass gatherings in Texas during the disaster posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

*[Signature]*  
Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor  
GSD/gsd

Attachment



**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE  
**Governor of the State of Texas**

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in each subsequent month effective through today, I have renewed the disaster declaration for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order GA-28 on June 26, 2020, relating to the targeted response to the COVID-19 disaster as part of the reopening of Texas; and

WHEREAS, additional measures are needed to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby amend paragraph numbers 5 and 12 of Executive Order GA-28, effective at 12:01 p.m. on July 3, 2020, to read as follows:

5. For any outdoor gathering in excess of 10 people, other than those set forth above in paragraph numbers 1, 2, or 4, the gathering is prohibited unless the mayor of the city in which the gathering is held, or the county judge in the case of a gathering in an unincorporated area, approves of the gathering, and such approval can be made subject to certain conditions or restrictions not inconsistent with this executive order;
12. Except as provided in this executive order or in the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS, found at [www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus), people shall not be in groups larger than 10 and shall maintain six feet of social distancing from those not in their group;

This proclamation shall remain in effect and in full force for as long as Executive Order GA-28 is in effect and in full force, unless otherwise modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 2nd day of July, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

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ATTESTED BY:



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RUTH R. HUGHS  
Secretary of State

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