

ORDER NO. 2020-1-B

SECOND AMENDED ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RIO GRANDE CITY INSTITUTING EMERGENCY MEASURES DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATED TO CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, COVID-19 (coronavirus) is a contagious respiratory virus that can spread from person to person, especially in group settings; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Government declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020 due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbot declared a State of Disaster in Texas on March 13, 2020, due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, March 19, 2020, Governor Abbot issued additional declarations to supplement the March 13, 2020 State of Disaster Declaration; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Villarreal declared a local disaster on March 17, 2020, due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, Mayor and City Commission further determined it reasonable and necessary to extend the Order to be effective until April 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, Mayor and City Commission further determined it reasonable and necessary to provide additional clarity and instructions as it relates to Essential Personal Activities, Health Care Operational Services, Essential Infrastructure Operations, Performing or Accessing Essential Governmental Functions, Operating Essential Businesses, Essential Travel, and providing for a city-wide curfew; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and City Commission further determined it reasonable and necessary to adopt further revisions to the City's Disaster Declaration Order instituting emergency measures related to the Corona Virus Disease and develop a more consistent regional approach to protecting the public's health and safety, thereby adopting the Starr County's Second Addendum to the County's Third Supplemental Emergency Management Order, attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2020, Mayor and City Commission further determined it reasonable and necessary to extend the Order to be effective until April 30, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CITY OF RIO GRANDE CITY, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

Section 1. The Starr County's Second Addendum to the County's Third Supplemental Emergency Management Order, attached hereto as Exhibit A, dated April 6, 2020, is adopted as the Second Amended Order of the City of Rio Grande City's Emergency Measures related to the Corona Virus Disease.

Any reference to the geographic area of Starr County in the Amended Order shall instead mean the City of Rio Grande City.

Any sections of the Amended Order that specifically address Starr County governmental functions are excepted.

Section 2. As authorized by Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, it is **ORDERED** that peace officers, City of Rio Grande City Code Compliance Officers, and the Rio Grande City Fire Marshal are hereby authorized to enforce this order. A violation of this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 or as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 418 and adopted in the country's emergency plan by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, whichever is greater.

Section 3. The City of Rio Grande City shall post this Order on its website. In addition, the owner, manager or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy.

Section 4. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Order or application of it to any person, structure, gathering or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the rest of the order.

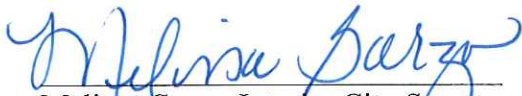
Section 5. This order shall expire upon **April 30, 2020**, unless otherwise terminated or renewed earlier by the City of Rio Grande City – City Commission.

ORDERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE on this the 8th day of April 2020.




JOEL VILLARREAL, MAYOR

Attest:



Melissa Garza, Interim City Secretary

Approved as to Form:



Calixtro Villarreal, City Attorney