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## **City Council Issues Emergency Ordinance in Response to**

### **COVID-19**

**SEGUIN**, Texas – During a special-called meeting on Tuesday, March 24, the Seguin City Council issued an emergency ordinance establishing a city-wide emergency in response to the novel COVID – 19 pandemic.

Effective immediately, all bars, restaurant dining rooms, gyms, movie theatres, bowling alleys, game rooms and other indoor amusement facilities must close to the public. The ordinance will remain in effect until it is lifted by the Seguin City Council or when Texas Governor Greg Abbott lifts the State Declaration of Disaster.

The ordinance calls for the immediate closure of all the following establishments and businesses:

- Bars, wineries, breweries, nightclubs, taverns, lounges
- Restaurant dining rooms (take-out and delivery will remain permitted)
- Health/fitness clubs, gyms, yoga studios
- Game rooms, indoor/outdoor commercial amusement businesses
- Bowling alleys, bingo parlors and movie theaters
- Private clubs
- Nail Salons, Hair Salons, Barber Shops, Beauty Salons and Hair Removal Services
- Spas and Massage Parlors
- Tattoo and Piercing shops
- Other social gatherings, including churches, whether indoor or outdoor, where 10 or more persons congregate and where the business is not providing an essential service

The order will allow for takeout, delivery, drive-in, or drive-through services but requires businesses to adhere to social distancing requirements of six (6) feet between persons for any waiting area.

In addition, the order requires the cancellation of any gathering of 10 people or more within the City. The orders allow for several exemptions including grocery stores, retail establishments, medical facilities, childcare facilities, office space, hotels, residential buildings and manufacturing facilities.

Jennifer Sourdellia, the City's Public Information said, "City staff will work to educate business owners and the public and attempt to gain compliance. Enforcement mechanisms will be instituted if the City is unable to gain compliance."

"The City understands that there will be many questions moving forward as we continue to navigate this ever-changing situation," said Sourdellia. "We invite you to visit our website and social media sites for updated information or to call the main City Hall phone number at 830-379-3212 for additional information."

City officials urge citizens to practice their own protective measures by staying home when they can and observing social distancing wherever they go, as well as washing hands frequently.

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