CITY LOCKHART, TEXAS
AMENDED MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the County Judge of Caldwell County, in which the City of Lockhart is located, issued an order pursuant to Section 418.108, Texas Government Code, declaring a local state of disaster within Caldwell County, which order is effective within the City of Lockhart; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Lockhart, Texas, issued a Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster that provided, among other matters, that gatherings of fifty or more persons in a confined, space, or area are prohibited; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA 08 which, effective at 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2020 and continuing in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020; that contains certain directives that are in addition to or different from the terms of the limits social gatherings to no more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Lockhart desires to amend his Declaration of March 17, 2020 to be consistent with the Governor’s directive of March 19, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster for the City of Lockhart, Texas, issued on March 17, 2020 pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, remains in effect, but as amended herein.

SECTION 2. That such Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster of March 17, 2020 is hereby amended to be consistent with Executive Order GA 08, which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein for all purposes.

SECTION 3. Any difference or inconsistency between the Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster for the City of Lockhart and Executive Order GA 08, including those regarding the number of people at social gatherings, eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, visiting gyms or massage parlors, utilizing drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options, visiting nursing homes, retirement, or long-term care facilities, and the closing of schools, and other details shall be resolved in favor of Executive Order GA 08.
SECTION 4. That this amended declaration shall take effect at Midnight on March 20, 2020 but shall not otherwise extend the effectiveness of the Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster issued on March 17, 2020, and which is effective for seven days from the date of issuance.

DECLARED this 19th day of March, 2020.

[Signature]
Lew White, Mayor
City of Lockhart, Texas

Attest:

[Signature]
Connie Constancio, City Secretary
EXHIBIT “A”
to
CITY LOCKHART, TEXAS
AMENDED MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
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Executive Order

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department
Austin, Texas
March 19, 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER
GA 08

Relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation.

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, 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 to pose an increasing, imminent threat of disaster throughout Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised that person-to-person contact heightens the risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, the President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America, as promulgated by President Donald J. Trump and the CDC on March 16, 2020, call upon Americans to slow the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people, using drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options at restaurants and bars, and avoiding visitation at nursing homes, among other steps; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of State Health Services has now determined that, as of March 19, 2020, COVID-19 represents a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, “[t]he governor is responsible for meeting . . . the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters” (Section 418.001 of the Texas Government Code), and the legislature has given the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility.

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 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to extension thereafter based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC:
Order No. 1 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.

Order No. 2 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.

Order No. 3 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

Order No. 4 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close.

This executive order does not prohibit people from visiting a variety of places, including grocery stores, gas stations, parks, and banks, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. This executive order does not mandate sheltering in place. All critical infrastructure will remain operational, domestic travel will remain unrestricted, and government entities and businesses will continue providing essential services. For offices and workplaces that remain open, employees should practice good hygiene and, where feasible, work from home in order to achieve optimum isolation from COVID-19. The more that people reduce their public contact, the sooner COVID-19 will be contained and the sooner this executive order will expire.

This executive order supersedes all previous orders on this matter that are in conflict or inconsistent with its terms, and this order shall remain in effect and in full force until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to being extended, modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by me or by a succeeding governor.

Given under my hand this the 19th day of March, 2020.

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GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

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RUTH R. HUGHS
Secretary of State