

**CITY LOCKHART, TEXAS AMENDED MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND REGARDING FACIAL COVERINGS IN COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CITY**

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, I, as Mayor of the City of Lockhart, Texas, issued a Declaration of Local State of Disaster related to Coronavirus pandemic, effective for seven days, which declaration was amended on March 19, 2020 and which the City Council of Lockhart approved and extended on March 24, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 3, 2020, the Governor of Texas Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-26 regarding the reopening of the Texas economy, which order the Governor clarified that his plan includes maintaining the authority of local governments to require businesses to adopt and enforce health policies that include face covering requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, information released by the Institute of Health Metrics & Evaluation (IHME) since the issuance of GA-26 indicates that the number of daily positive tests for COVID-19 has continued to climb, and includes a projection that there may be 5,567 fatal cases in Texas by October 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, as of June 23, 2020, Caldwell County has had 286 confirmed cases of COVID-19, two of whom have died, four of whom are hospitalized, 50 of whom have recovered, while the remainder of the cases are still active; and

**WHEREAS**, infected persons can transmit the COVID-19 virus to others before showing any symptoms, and widespread and consistent use of face coverings over the nose and mouth when in public is a critical and necessary measure to help slow the spread of the virus while allowing local businesses to continue to reopen and help the Lockhart economy recover;

**NOW THEREFORE, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, I HEREBY ORDER THAT:**

**Section 1.** Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on June 25, 2020, and continuing through 11:59 p.m. on July 2, 2020, unless extended, modified, or terminated earlier by subsequent order, all commercial entities in the City of Lockhart providing goods or services directly to the public must require, at a minimum, that all employees and visitors wear facial covering of the nose and mouth while on the commercial entity's business premises or other facilities except in the following circumstances:

- a. when the person is alone in a separate single space, whether indoors or outdoors;
- b. when the person is in the presence only of other members of the same household or residence, whether indoors or outdoors;
- c. when doing so poses a verified mental or physical health, safety or security risk;
- d. when the person is outdoors engaging in an allowed activity while alone, or with only members of the same household or residence, or while maintaining a consistent

separation of six feet or more from others and engaging in conduct authorized and as allowed by Governor's Order GA-26 or subsequent executive order;

- e. when the person is eating or drinking in a restaurant or bar; or
- f. the person is under the age of 10.

**Section 2.** A notice of the requirement for facial coverings, in the form attached, shall be posted at the entrances to each commercial establishment or other conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees and visitors of all health and safety requirements. Business owners may also choose to implement other mitigating measures designed to control and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 such as temperature checks or health screenings.

**ISSUED AND DECLARED this 23 day of June 2020.**



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Lew White, Mayor  
City of Lockhart, Texas

**Attest:**



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Connie Constancio, City Secretary