

STATE OF TEXAS  
CITY OF PORT ISABEL

Ordinance No. 703

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued March 13, 2020, the Mayor declared a state of disaster for the City of Port Isabel resulting from the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak.

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency measures be taken pursuant to the Executive Order of the Governor Relating to Emergency Management; now, therefore, the following regulations shall take effect immediately upon issuance, and shall remain in effect until the state of disaster is terminated:

1. CURFEW

- (a) The mayor is hereby empowered to order that a person shall not remain or travel upon any public or private property in any or all areas of the city under such schedule and conditions as may be designated.
- (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to:
  - (1) a person authorized by the Emergency Management Director or City Manager to assist in the production of the health, safety, or welfare of the public; or
  - (2) a person who remains or travels upon private property which is owned by him or upon which the person has been invited, provided that such occupancy is in accordance with other provisions of the ordinance or orders issued hereunder.

2. MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES

- (a) The mayor is hereby empowered to order that a person shall not remain or travel upon any public or private property in any or all areas of the city under such schedule and conditions as may be designated.
- (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a person authorized by local government officials to assist in the protection of the health, safety, or welfare of the public.

3. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

- (a) The mayor shall be empowered to order that any person shall not sell or distribute beer, wine, liquor, or alcoholic beverages of any kind, and to issue orders regulating the sale or distribution of beer, wine, liquor or alcoholic beverages of any kind.
- (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to the sale of medicine which contains alcohol.

#### 4. PRICE CONTROLS

A person shall not sell any of the following goods or services for more than the price the person charged for the goods or services on March 13, 2020:

- (a) groceries, beverages, toilet articles, ice and cleaning supplies
- (b) construction and building materials and supplies, and earthmoving equipment and machinery
- (c) electrical and gas generating and transmission equipment, parts and accessories
- (d) charcoal briquettes, matches, candles, lamp illumination and heat unit carbides, dry batteries, light bulbs, flashlights, and hand lanterns
- (e) hand tools (manual and power), hardware and household supplies, and equipment rental
- (f) automotive parts, supplies, and accessories
- (g) plumbing and electrical tools and supplies
- (h) apartment, duplex, multi-family dwelling, rooming house, hotel and motel rental
- (i) gasoline, diesel oil, motor oil, kerosene, grease, and automotive lubricants
- (j) restaurant, cafeteria, and boarding-house meals
- (k) services of roofing and building contractors, plumbers, electricians, mechanics, tree surgeons, and automobile wrecker companies
- (l) medicine, pharmaceutical, and medical equipment and supplies
- (m) blankets, quilts, bedspreads, bed linens, mattresses, bedsprings, bedsteads, towels, and toilet paper
- (n) furniture and clothing

#### 5. SUSPENSION AND MODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES

- (a) The mayor shall be empowered by proclamation to suspend the enforcement of municipal ordinances, to waive deadlines, to take such other measures as may be authorized under Texas Government Code, Section 418. The City Secretary shall maintain and publish a gazette of such actions by the mayor.
- (b) The suspension or modifications of the ordinances and regulations listed in Subsection (a) shall remain in effect until date 60 days from the date these regulations are issued, or until the state of disaster is terminated, whichever is sooner.

6. PENALTIES


- (a) These regulations shall have the effect of ordinances when duly filed with the City Secretary.
- (b) A person who violates any provision of these regulations, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

7. EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

The mayor shall have the power to issue such other regulations as may be deemed necessary to preserve public health and welfare, and to make expenditure of city funds.

The city secretary shall publish a gazette of such orders, and the same shall be given prompt publicity.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

  
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Juan Jose "JJ" Zamora, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Susie Alcocer, City Secretary

