ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLIAD, TEXAS CONTINUING
THE MAYOR’S DECLARATION DISASTER
AND SUBSEQUENT ORDERS
FOR THE CITY OF GOLIAD, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Goliad, Texas declared a state of local disaster on March 18, 2020 due to imminent threat from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, large gatherings of unidentifiable individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection may pose a risk for the spread of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has issued Executive Orders, including but not limited to GA-26 which continues the trend to reopen various types of business within Texas, but also retains in place the following prior orders: GA10, GA-13, GA-17, GA-19, GA-20, GA-24, or GA-25; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott’s Executive Order GA-26 further states that people should not be in groups larger than ten (10) and should maintain six (6) feet of social distancing from those not in their group. People over the age of 65 are strongly encouraged to stay at home as much as possible; to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous fourteen (14) days; and, if leaving the home, to implement social distancing and to practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott’s Executive Order GA-26 remains in effect and in full force unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the Governor through additional orders or by Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott’s Executive Order GA-26 prohibits people from visiting nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities unless as determined through guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, and long-term care facilities are required to follow infection control policies and practices set forth by HHSC, including minimizing the movement of staff between facilities whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Goliad, Texas, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), desires to modify or rescind the Mayor’s past
Orders to the extent inconsistent with the Governor’s GA-26 and any subsequent guidance documents while continuing the declaration of local state of disaster for the City of Goliad, Texas and any Orders issued thereunder that are consistent with the Executive Order GA-26 and all other Orders still in effect.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLIAD, TEXAS, THAT:

1.) The City Council hereby finds and determines that an emergency continues to exist, such emergency being the imminent threat to life, health, property, and public peace posed by the outbreak of COVID-19 and its effects. This Ordinance continues the Mayor’s Declaration and Orders to the fullest extent consistent with all of the Governor’s Orders and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to cause the publication of the caption of this Ordinance in accordance with state law. This Ordinance shall continue in full force until July 31, 2020, unless modified or repealed by either the Governor’s orders or City Council action.

2.) The declaration of state of local disaster for the City of Goliad, Texas resulting from threats posed by COVID-19 is hereby continued.

3.) This Ordinance continues to activate the City’s Emergency Management Plan.

4.) The Mayor is authorized to issue orders or proclamations consistent with recommendations and actions issued by the Governor of the State of Texas.

5.) In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this Ordinance, or a declaration, order or proclamation issued by the Mayor to the extent it is consistent with orders or guidance issued or directed by the Governor under Chapter 418, Government Code, or the emergency management plan, commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to $1,000.00.

6.) The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court or competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

7.) This Ordinance shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

8.) This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
This Ordinance is hereby PASSED AND APRROVED, this 24th day of June, 2020.

Trudia Preston, Mayor
City of Goliad, Texas

ATTEST:

Kandi Hubert, City Secretary