



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JULY 21, 2020**

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City Council Meeting July 21, 2020

Tue, Jul 21, 2020 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (CDT)

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The Council meeting was held virtually. Citizens were encouraged, to send public comments to the City Secretary at [PGrey@parkertexas.us](mailto:PGrey@parkertexas.us) and their comments would be read into the minutes.

### **CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**

The Parker City Council met in a regular/special meeting on the above date at Parker City Hall, 5700 E. Parker Road, Parker, Texas, 75002.

Mayor Lee Pettle called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Councilmembers Diana M. Abraham, Cindy Meyer, Edwin Smith, Ed Standridge and Patrick Taylor were present.

Staff Present: City Administrator Luke Olson, Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Patti Scott Grey (attended virtually) \*, Finance/H.R. Manager Grant Savage (attended virtually) \*, City Attorney Brandon Shelby, Public Works Director Gary Machado (attended virtually) \* City Engineer John Birkhoff, P.E. (attended virtually) \*, Fire Chief Mike Sheff (attended virtually) \*, and Police Chief Richard Brooks

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

AMERICAN PLEDGE: City Attorney Brandon S. Shelby led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Councilmember Cindy Meyer led the pledge.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** The City Council invites any person with business before the Council to speak. No formal action may be taken on these items at this meeting. Please keep comments to 3 minutes.

Mayor Pettle read Scott and Therese Livesay's email into the record. Mr. and Mrs. Livesay, 7305 Moss Ridge Road, expressed their "support to keep the weekly trash and monthly bulk pickup in its current state." (See Exhibit 1 – Scott and Therese Livesay's email, dated July 18, 2020.)

**CONSENT AGENDA** Routine Council business. Consent Agenda is approved by a single majority vote. Items may be removed for open discussion by a request from a Councilmember or member of staff.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 16, 2020. [SCOTT GREY]
2. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS - ANIMAL CONTROL (MAY), BUILDING/CODE (JUNE), COURT (JUNE), FINANCE (monthly financials) (JUNE), AND POLICE (JUNE)
3. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-631, APPROVING A TERM CONTRACT FOR ROAD AND HIGHWAY MATERIALS TO OLDCASTLE MATERIALS TEXAS, INC. [OLSON/SHELBY/MACHADO]

Councilmember Meyer asked that item #2, approving certain May and June Departmental Reports, be removed from the consent agenda and placed under individual consideration items for further discussion.

MOTION: Councilmember Meyer moved to approve revised consent agenda items 1 and 3, removing item 2. Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, Standridge and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

## INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

2. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS - ANIMAL CONTROL (MAY), BUILDING/CODE (JUNE), COURT (JUNE), FINANCE (monthly financials) (JUNE), AND POLICE (JUNE)

Councilmember Meyer said she removed item 2 to discuss the following section on page 1 of the June Financials.

category: 45 • INTERGOVERNMENTAL							
01-000-4500	FEDERAL GRANTS	0.00	0.00	243,034.30	243,034.30	243,034.30	0.00%
01-000-4502	STATE GRANTS	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	-1,200.00	0.00 %
category: 45 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL							
Total:		1,200.00	1,200.00	243,034.30	243,034.30	241,834.30	10,252.86 %

Ms. Meyer expressed concern regarding how the \$243,034.30 of unbudgeted Federal Grants would be dispersed by Council. City Administrator Olson reassured Mrs. Meyer the non-budgeted Federal Grant Funds would be discussed at various budget meeting(s) and workshop(s) and Council had until the end of this calendar year, December 31, 2020 to make recommendations on how the funds would be distributed. Finance/H.R. Manager Savage also noted Staff would bring the distribution of funds to Council for approval as a budget amendment.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to accept the departmental reports. Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. DISCUSSION OF MAYOR'S APPROVAL OF GATHERINGS OF GREATER THAN 10 PERSONS IN PARKER TEXAS AS AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNOR'S ORDER. [PETTLE/SHELBY]

Mayor, Council, and Staff discussed the Mayor's approval of gatherings of greater than 10 persons in single family residences as authorized by the Governor. They also discussed approval of gatherings of greater than 10 persons at Cross Creek Ranch and at Southfork Ranch, noting all such events, not held at single family residents, shall be reported and approved by the Mayor in advance on a case by case basis. Mayor, Council, and Staff agreed.

5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-632, ADJUSTING THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI). [OLSON/SHELBY]

As discussed at the June 16, 2020 City Council meeting, the Solid Waste Collection Rates and Fees are being increased \$0.64 from \$19.49 to \$20.13, in accordance with the Republic Services, Inc. agreement and the Consumer Price Index (CPI), effective March 1, 2020. Mayor, Council, and Staff agreed this CPI increase would be reflected on the next bill.

Councilmember Abraham asked that Parker residents be notified prior to receiving that next bill. City Administrator Olson agreed.

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve resolution no. 2020-632, adjusting the solid waste collection rates by increasing it \$0.64 from \$19.49 to \$20.13, effective March 1, 2020, in accordance with the consumer price index (CPI). Councilmember Smith seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Republic Services Manager Municipal Sales North Texas Rick Bernas thanked Council and Staff.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-633 AWARDING THE 2020 CENTRAL PUMP STATION/GROUND STORAGE RESERVOIR & NTMWD METER STATION. [BIRKHOFF/MACHADO]

City Engineer Birkhoff, P.E. noted the bids were published in The Dallas Morning News on June 4 and June 11, 2020, as required by law. Mr. Birkhoff and Public Works Director Machado reviewed the bids, received by 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2020 and nine (9) Contractors submitted bids on this project. Gracon Construction, Inc., of Dallas, Texas submitted the lowest bid in the amount \$5,551,800. Based on the information available to the City Engineer's office, he recommended the City waive the formality of the alpha numeric requirement in the bid schedule, which was left incomplete and accept the bid for Gracon, Inc., awarding them a construction contract in the amount of \$5,551,800.

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-633 awarding the 2020 Central Pump Station/Ground Storage Reservoir and NTMWD Meter Station, to Gracon Construction, Inc., of Dallas, Texas in the total amount of \$5,551,800.00, as recommended by City Engineer John Birkhoff, P.E.; further

waiving the formality of the alpha numeric requirement in the bid schedule; and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Gracon Construction, Inc.. Councilmember Smith seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-634, PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARKER AND CFR SOLUTIONS, LLC, PROVIDING A CITY PHONE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT SOLUTION. [OLSON]

City Administrator Olson said the City of Parker received \$243,034.30 from the distribution of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds from Collin County. These funds must be used on nonbudgeted items. In discussions with Collin County and looking over what is an eligible expense, it has been determined the City can use these funds for a new phone system. During the prebudget workshop held with staff and City Council it was determined to try to find funds to get a new phone system this current budget year. Staff looked at several options including ring central. The phone system would allow staff to receive calls remotely through an app on their cell phone if they are working from home. The Public Works Department would only have to turn the app on for the on-call number to get a call to their cell phone. The system will be a VOIP (Internet-connected computer, a headset, and voice over IP (**VoIP**)) system that will use the internet to make and receive calls. The recommended system also has a failsafe in place, noting the phone system would be on an offsite server. If the internet or power goes down here, the City would still be able to receive phone calls. The system will wholly be owned by the City of Parker and would not require any rental fees other than a yearly subscription for the cloud-based PBX (Private Branch Exchange, which is a private telephone network used within companies or organizations) failover system and the SIP (**SIP** connection is a marketing term for voice over Internet Protocol (**VoIP**) **services** offered by many Internet **telephony service providers** (ITSPs). The **service** provides routing of **telephone** calls from a client's private branch exchange (PBX) **telephone** system to the public switched **telephone** network (PSTN).) phone services including the fax line. The upfront costs include PBX, Phones, mounting rack, FortiSwitches, and VoIP gateways. The phone system will be easily transferred to a new facility if one is approved by the voters.

MOTION: Councilmember Abraham moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-634, providing for the execution of an agreement between the City of Parker and CFR Solutions, LLC, providing a city phone system replacement solution in the amount of \$22,614.60 for hardware, software, and services with a recurring expense of \$300 annually. As an allowable expense, the funding for this project will come from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds. Councilmember Smith seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

## ROUTINE ITEMS

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

UPDATE(S):

- COMPREHENSIVE (COMP) PLAN UPDATE [SMITH]

Councilmember Smith said he requested interested Parker residents, who would like to serve on this Comprehensive Plan Committee, to please email City Secretary Patti grey at [Pgrey@parkertexas.us](mailto:Pgrey@parkertexas.us) by June 30 2020, including anyone who may have previously shown or emailed interest. The City received eight (8) emails and those individuals have been asked to complete a Comprehensive Plan Committee Profile to ensure the committee is representative of the City. Finally, Councilmember Smith noted the next step is to have an initial "Kick Off" meeting, which is set for Monday, August 10, 2020, 6:00 p.m. to develop and/or set committee protocols.

- **FACILITY UPDATE [OLSON]**

City Administrator Olson said there are plans to have a Town Hall Meeting, Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 5 PM – 7 PM, to discuss, ask questions and view plans for the Proposed Municipal Complex. He also noted the architect, engineer, bond counsel, finance director, and others would be attendance to address questions.

- **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION(S) FOR POLICE, FIRE, AND CITY STAFF DUE (Each valued at between \$0 - \$500). [PETTLE]**

- 2020 0615 Daniel and Morgan Rizzo and three of their seven children visited and donated water, Gatorade and snacks to the Parker Police Department
- 2020 0619 April Loera donated water and snacks
- 2020 0619 Julie Jackson, Murphy, Texas, donated 350 N-95 masks from Murphy Lowe's Home Improvement
- 2020 0623 Louis Zettler, dropped off 12 sets of flowers for the staff and staff's wives
- 2020 0629 Martha Bellens-Martin dropped off a thank you card and donated a case of water and several different snack items to the Police Department
- 2020 0714 Ken and Heidi Meixelsperger donated Gatorade, cookies, candy bars and nuts

Mayor Pettle on behalf herself, Council, City Staff, thanked each of the donors for their kind and generous donations, stating how greatly these gifts are appreciated.

Mayor Pettle asked if there were any items to be added to the future agenda.

Hearing no requests, she encouraged everyone to email her any requests. She noted the next regularly scheduled meeting should be Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated the City Council may hold a closed meeting.

9. RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN:

- Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel—To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
- Government Code Section 551.071(1)—Consultation with City Attorney concerning Pending or Contemplated Litigation.

c. Government Code Section 551.071(2) – Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas Clearly conflicts with this chapter (Open Meetings Act).

Mayor Lee Pettle recessed the regular meeting to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

**10. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.**

Mayor Lee Pettle reconvened the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

**11. ANY APPROPRIATE DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION ON ANY OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION SUBJECTS LISTED ABOVE.**

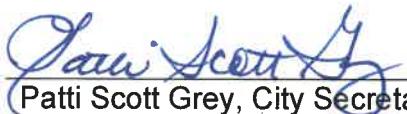
There will be a Town Hall Meeting, Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 5 PM – 7 PM to discuss the proposed Municipal Complex/Facility.

**12. ADJOURN**

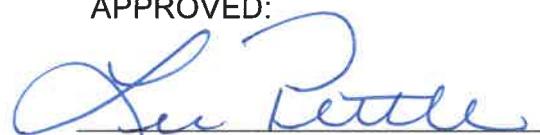
Mayor Lee Pettle adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.



ATTESTED:

  
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Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Lee Pettle  
Mayor Lee Pettle

Approved on the 4th day  
of August, 2020.

\*A City Council Meeting 7/21 Attendees Summary has been attached as Exhibit 2 to verify the virtual quorum, e.g. Mayor, Council, Staff and audience members present and/or present in other areas. (See Exhibit 2 – City Council Meeting 7/21 Attendees Summary, dated July 21, 2020.) Governor Abbott's July 2, 2020 Executive Order GA 29, relating to the use of face coverings during the COVID-19 disaster and a proclamation amending Executive Order GA-28 relating to mass gatherings in Texas during the disaster posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is also attached. (See Exhibit 3 – Texas Governor Gregg Abbott's Executive Order GA 28, dated July 2, 2020.)

## Patti Grey

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**Subject:** FW: To Be Read at City Council

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**From:** Scott & Therese Livesay  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 18, 2020 1:13 PM  
**To:** Patti Grey  
**Subject:** To Be Read at City Council

Dear Mayor/City Council:

I support keeping the weekly trash and monthly bulk pickup in its current state. I prefer the two carts for landfill pickup, as I use both most weeks and observe that the majority of homes in Moss Ridge Estates have both blue carts out front on the pickup days.

While weekly bulk might be nice, I don't see a driving need for such activity, and therefore no need to increase our costs as such. I believe with the CPI, if approved, we will be seeing a slight monthly increase for maintaining the existing service.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Scott Livesay  
7305 Moss Ridge Road

Exhibit 1

## City Council Meeting July 21, 2020 Attendees

### Summary

Meeting Date	Meeting Duration	Number of Attendees	Meeting ID
July 21, 2020 7:03 PM CDT	153 minutes	20	309-893-013

### Details

Name	Email Address	Join Time	Leave Time	Time in Session (minutes)
+12146163412 - <i>Craig Shetler</i>		7:04 PM	8:00 PM	55
+13193312667		7:04 PM	8:00 PM	55
+146985388678		7:04 PM	8:00 PM	56
+19728800276		7:05 PM	7:28 PM	23
Billy Barron	billyb@gmail.com	7:04 PM	8:00 PM	56
✓ Brandon Shelby		7:04 PM	7:33 PM	29
✓ Brandon Shelby		7:34 PM	7:59 PM	25
Cindy Meyer		7:04 PM	8:00 PM	55
✓ Diana Abraham		7:04 PM	9:37 PM	152
✓ Ed Standridge		7:07 PM	8:00 PM	52
✓ Edwin Smith		7:04 PM	8:00 PM	56
✓ Edwin Smith		9:35 PM	9:36 PM	1
✓ Grant Savage	gsavage@parkertexas.us	7:04 PM	8:00 PM	55
✓ John Birkhoff		7:11 PM	7:41 PM	30
Kristin		7:15 PM	7:24 PM	9
✓ Lee Pettie		9:35 PM	9:37 PM	1
✓ Lee Pettie		7:04 PM	8:00 PM	55
✓ Luke Olson		7:03 PM	9:37 PM	153
✓ Mike Slaughter		7:04 PM	8:00 PM	55
✓ Patrick Taylor		7:04 PM	8:00 PM	56
✓ Patti Scott Grey		7:04 PM	8:00 PM	56
✓ Richard Brooks		7:04 PM	9:27 PM	143
Terry Lynch		7:04 PM	8:00 PM	56

# Exhibit 3



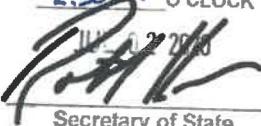
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Secretary of State

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs  
Secretary of State  
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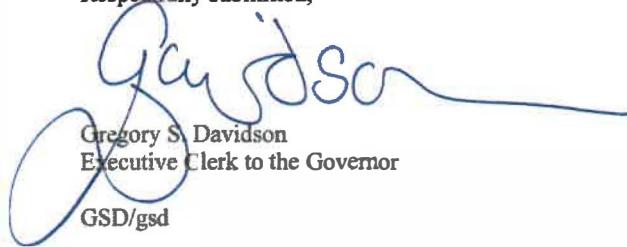
Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-29 relating to the use of face coverings during the  
COVID-19 disaster.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature of Gregory S. Davidson

Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD/gsd

Attachment

# Executive Order

BY THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department  
Austin, Texas  
July 2, 2020

## EXECUTIVE ORDER GA 29

*Relating to the use of face coverings during the COVID-19 disaster.*

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WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in each subsequent month effective through today, I have renewed the disaster declaration for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Dr. John Hellerstedt, has determined that COVID-19 continues to represent a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, I have issued executive orders and suspensions of Texas laws in response to COVID-19, aimed at using the least restrictive means available to protect the health and safety of Texans and ensure an effective response to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, as Texas reopens in the midst of COVID-19, increased spread is to be expected, and the key to controlling the spread and keeping Texans safe is for all people to consistently follow good hygiene and social-distancing practices; and

WHEREAS, due to recent substantial increases in COVID-19 positive cases, and increases in the COVID-19 positivity rate and hospitalizations resulting from COVID-19, further measures are needed to achieve the least restrictive means for reducing the growing spread of COVID-19, and to avoid a need for more extreme measures; and

WHEREAS, I have joined the medical experts in consistently encouraging people to use face coverings, and health authorities have repeatedly emphasized that wearing face coverings is one of the most important and effective tools for reducing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, given the current status of COVID-19 in Texas, requiring the use of face coverings is a targeted response that can combat the threat to public health using the least restrictive means, and if people follow this requirement, more extreme measures may be avoided; and

WHEREAS, wearing a face covering is important not only to protect oneself, but also to avoid unknowingly harming fellow Texans, especially given that many people who go into public may have COVID-19 without knowing it because they have no symptoms; and

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WHEREAS, the “governor is responsible for meeting … the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters” under Section 418.011 of the Texas Government Code, and the legislature has given the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with any executive order issued during the COVID-19 disaster is an offense punishable under Section 418.173 by fine;

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 at 12:01 p.m. on July 3, 2020:

Every person in Texas shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when inside a commercial entity or other building or space open to the public, or when in an outdoor public space, wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household; provided, however, that this face-covering requirement does not apply to the following:

1. any person younger than 10 years of age;
2. any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
3. any person while the person is consuming food or drink, or is seated at a restaurant to eat or drink;
4. any person while the person is (a) exercising outdoors or engaging in physical activity outdoors, and (b) maintaining a safe distance from other people not in the same household;
5. any person while the person is driving alone or with passengers who are part of the same household as the driver;
6. any person obtaining a service that requires temporary removal of the face covering for security surveillance, screening, or a need for specific access to the face, such as while visiting a bank or while obtaining a personal-care service involving the face, but only to the extent necessary for the temporary removal;
7. any person while the person is in a swimming pool, lake, or similar body of water;
8. any person who is voting, assisting a voter, serving as a poll watcher, or actively administering an election, but wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged;
9. any person who is actively providing or obtaining access to religious worship, but wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged;
10. any person while the person is giving a speech for a broadcast or to an audience; or
11. any person in a county (a) that meets the requisite criteria promulgated by

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the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) regarding minimal cases of COVID-19, and (b) whose county judge has affirmatively opted-out of this face-covering requirement by filing with TDEM the required face-covering attestation form—provided, however, that wearing a face covering is highly recommended, and every county is strongly encouraged to follow these face-covering standards.

Not excepted from this face-covering requirement is any person attending a protest or demonstration involving more than 10 people and who is not practicing safe social distancing of six feet from other people not in the same household.

TDEM shall maintain on its website a list of counties that are not subject to this face-covering requirement pursuant to paragraph number 11. The list can be found at: [www.tdem.texas.gov/ga29](http://www.tdem.texas.gov/ga29).

Following a verbal or written warning for a first-time violator of this face-covering requirement, a person's second violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250. Each subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250 per violation.

Local law enforcement and other local officials, as appropriate, can and should enforce this executive order, Executive Order GA-28, and other effective executive orders, as well as local restrictions that are consistent with this executive order and other effective executive orders. But no law enforcement or other official may detain, arrest, or confine in jail any person for a violation of this executive order or for related non-violent, non-felony offenses that are predicated on a violation of this executive order; provided, however, that any official with authority to enforce this executive order may act to enforce trespassing laws and remove violators at the request of a business establishment or other property owner.

This executive order hereby prohibits confinement in jail as a penalty for the violation of any face-covering order by any jurisdiction.

Executive Order GA-28 is hereby amended to delete from paragraph number 15 the phrase: “, but no jurisdiction can impose a civil or criminal penalty for failure to wear a face covering.”

The governor may by proclamation amend this executive order or add to the list of people to whom this face-covering requirement does not apply.

This executive order does not supersede Executive Orders GA-10, GA-13, GA-17, GA-19, GA-24, GA-25, GA-27, or GA-28 as amended. This executive order shall remain in effect and in full force until modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor.

*Governor Greg Abbott*  
July 2, 2020

*Executive Order GA-29*  
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Given under my hand this the 2nd  
day of July, 2020.

A handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature of Ruth R. Hughes in black ink.

RUTH R. HUGHS  
Secretary of State

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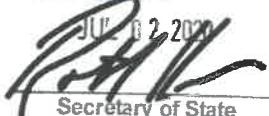
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The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation amending Executive Order GA-28 relating to mass gatherings in Texas  
during the disaster posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor  
GSD/gsd

Attachment

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in each subsequent month effective through today, I have renewed the disaster declaration for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order GA-28 on June 26, 2020, relating to the targeted response to the COVID-19 disaster as part of the reopening of Texas; and

WHEREAS, additional measures are needed to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Texas;

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 amend paragraph numbers 5 and 12 of Executive Order GA-28, effective at 12:01 p.m. on July 3, 2020, to read as follows:

5. For any outdoor gathering in excess of 10 people, other than those set forth above in paragraph numbers 1, 2, or 4, the gathering is prohibited unless the mayor of the city in which the gathering is held, or the county judge in the case of a gathering in an unincorporated area, approves of the gathering, and such approval can be made subject to certain conditions or restrictions not inconsistent with this executive order;
12. Except as provided in this executive order or in the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS, found at [www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus), people shall not be in groups larger than 10 and shall maintain six feet of social distancing from those not in their group;

This proclamation shall remain in effect and in full force for as long as Executive Order GA-28 is in effect and in full force, unless otherwise modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 2nd day of July, 2020.

A handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

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*Governor Greg Abbott*  
July 2, 2020

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ATTESTED BY:



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