

**ORDER NUMBER 3 AND PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR  
OF THE CITY OF LEANDER**

**WHEREAS**, on June 29, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Leander declared a local state of disaster for the City of Leander due to an imminent threat posed by coronavirus (COVID-19) in the City;

**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) recommends an "All of Community" approach focused on slowing the transmission of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, scientific evidence has proven that COVID-19 is a highly communicable disease that has affected people to varying degrees, depending upon age and health condition, and it has the potential to affect a significant portion of the local population based on the current rate of community transmission, placing increased persons at risk for serious health complications, resulting in hospitalization and possibly death; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been large increases of the positivity rate of COVID-19 cases in Williamson and Travis Counties and the surrounding areas within the last three weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC recommends that maintaining a distance of at least six feet from others, also known as social distancing, as a way of slowing the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor acts as the emergency management director for the city and serves as the Governor's designated agent in the administration and supervision of duties during a state of emergency declared by the Governor in accordance with Section 418.1015(a) and (b) of the Texas Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor, serving as the Governor's designated agent in the administration and supervision of duties during a state of emergency declared by the Governor, "may exercise the powers granted to the governor under this chapter on an appropriate local scale" in accordance with Section 418.1015(b) of the Texas Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of this Order to remain as consistent with and to harmonize, to the extent possible, the executive orders of Governor Greg Abbott, as extended or modified; and

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418 AND THE CITY CHARTER HEREBY FIND, ORDER, AND PROCLAIM THAT:**

**Section 1. Findings.** The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Order are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted and made a part hereof for all purposes.

**Section 2. Duration of Order.** The regulations in this local order shall take effect on July 1, 2020, 12:01 a.m. and shall remain in full force and effect until August 1, 2020, 11:59 p.m., unless extended, modified, or terminated by the Mayor or City Council, or if superseded by the Governor.

**Section 3. Social Distancing Requirements in Commercial Establishments; Posting Health and Safety Guidelines - Commercial Entities.**

- (a) Members of the public visiting commercial establishments within the City and employees of the establishment shall keep a distance of at least six feet from others (“social distancing”). When six feet of distance cannot be maintained, persons should wear appropriate face coverings, covering over their nose and mouth when in a public place where it is difficult to keep six feet away from other people or working in areas that involve close proximity with other people or co-workers. Face coverings may include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or a handkerchief. It is strongly recommended that individuals not obtain or wear medical masks or N-95 respirators as they are a needed resource for health care providers and first responders. The exceptions to wearing facial coverings are:
- (1) When person is with members of the same household and is social distancing from non-household members;
  - (2) When consuming food or drink;
  - (3) When a person is outdoors and social distancing;
  - (4) When wearing a mask poses a health or safety risk.
- (b) All commercial entities in the city that provide goods or services directly to the public shall post in a conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees and visitors of the requirements related to social distancing and facial coverings described in Section 3(a).
- (c) A sample Health and Safety Notice, herein attached as Exhibit A, containing the minimum informational requirements of this Order shall be prepared by the City and provided to commercial establishments upon their request. The Health and Safety Notice may be updated from time to time to incorporate additional health advisories for slowing the spread of COVID-19 issued by the CDC or local or state health authorities. A commercial entity may add its own additional requirements as determined by the entity.

**Section 5. Posting of Order.** The City will post this Order on its website and Order shall be widely advertised to help accomplish the public health and safety objectives of the City of Leander.

**Section 6. Severability.** If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity.

**Section 7. Interpretation and Additional Terms.** To the greatest extent possible, this emergency order shall not be interpreted in a manner that conflicts with the Governor's Executive Order GA-28 or any subsequent orders of the Governor. In the event of a conflict, the Governor's Executive

Orders shall supersede. Consistent with Executive Order GA-28 issued by Governor Greg Abbott, no civil or criminal penalty will be imposed on individuals for failure to wear a face covering. All provisions of the executive orders of the Governor either existing or issued in the future, which are made applicable to all jurisdictions by law, shall be automatically incorporated into this order and shall constitute terms of this order, enforceable as if set forth herein without necessity for the issuance of further orders.

Ordered June 29, 2020, and proclaimed to be effective on the 1st day of July, 2020, in the City of Leander, Texas.



*Troy Hill*

Troy Hill, Mayor  
City of Leander, Texas

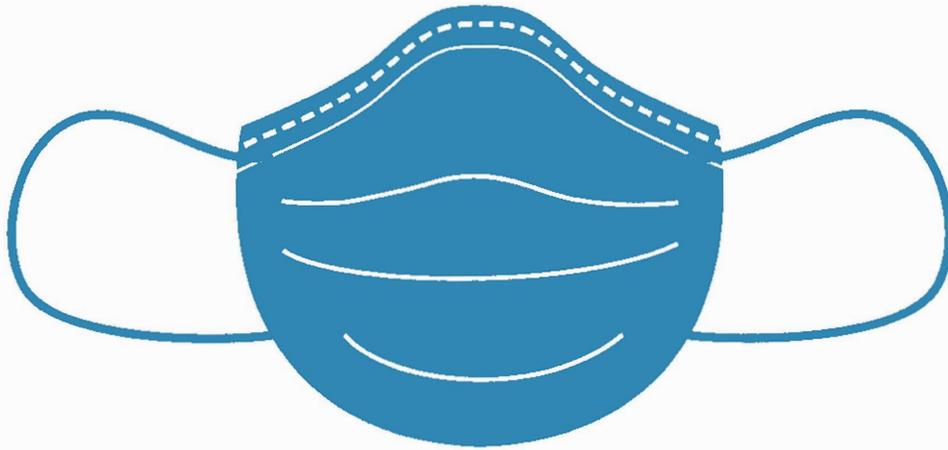
Attest:

*Dara Crabtree*

Dara Crabtree, City Secretary

# HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICE

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