



EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE MAYOR

RE: COVID-19
E.O. # 2020- 3.A.
April 28, 2020

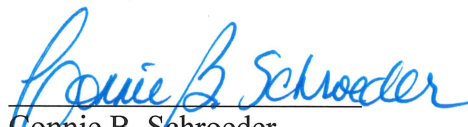
1. **Closing Public Access to City Facilities:** Public access to certain City Facilities is hereby closed and suspended. Members of the public are not allowed to enter into or upon City Facilities, except for the particular premises specifically authorized herein.
2. **Purpose:** This restriction is intended to hinder the spread of the COVID-19 virus by furthering social distancing as advised by the U.S. CDC and Texas DSHS.
3. **Application:** This restriction applies to persons, generally, and the public at-large. This restriction does not apply to those with official positions with the City of Bastrop, including City officers, employees, board / commission / committee members, or the invited guests of City officers or employees who are on-duty and have a business-related purpose for being at the City Facility.
4. **Definition:** *City Facilities* is hereby defined as City Hall, municipal Historic Sites, the City of Bastrop Convention and Exhibit Center, the Bastrop Public Library, Municipal Court, Police Department, Fire Department, and all other city offices. The term includes certain City parks, including municipal sports fields, park restrooms, playgrounds, ballfields, sport courts, and stairwells at parks.
5. **Exceptions:** This restriction does not apply to the following City premises, which are hereby expressly deemed to be open for public use as provided below for those persons physically separated by a distance of at least six feet from persons of other households, and not congregating in groups of more than ten cumulative:
 - a. **Hike & Bike Trails:** for pedestrians and cyclists.
 - b. **Fisherman's Park Boat Ramp:** for boaters, kayakers, canoers, and operators of other watercrafts.
 - c. **Bob Bryant Park Boat Ramp:** for boaters, kayakers, canoers, and operators of other watercrafts.

Persons opting to utilize the premises allowed under this section are highly encouraged to wear personal protection equipment such as face masks and gloves for their personal safety and the safety of others.

6. **Effective:** This order is effective commencing *Friday, May 8, 2020*.
7. **Duration:** This restriction is temporary and shall be in effect for the duration of the Local State of Disaster unless earlier repealed.
8. **Penalty:** It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to do any act forbidden by this Emergency Order. Violations shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation in accordance with City of Bastrop Code of Ordinances Section 1.08.011 and 1.01.009, and Texas Government Code Section § 418.173.
9. **Repealer:** Any prior or conflicting Emergency Order is hereby *repealed* to the extent necessary to effectuate this Emergency Order.
10. **Authority:** This Emergency Order is hereby enacted in accordance to the authority vested in my office pursuant to:
 - Texas Government Code Chapter 418,
 - City of Bastrop Home Rule Charter Section 3.08,
 - City of Bastrop Code of Ordinances Article 1.08,
 - City of Bastrop Emergency Management Plan,
 - Bastrop County Preparedness & Response Plan (Pandemic Influenza), and
 - Declaration of Local Disaster executed on March 16, 2020 (as confirmed and extended by the City Council via Resolution R-2020-32 on March 16, 2020).
11. **Official Determination:** In my official capacity as Mayor, Emergency Management Director, and member of the Policy Coordination Group for Bastrop County, I consider this action to be reasonable, prudent, and necessary for the preservation of life, and disaster mitigation, response, and recovery. This Order is critical to protecting the public health, safety and welfare.

THUS ORDERED:

by:



Connie B. Schroeder
Mayor, City of Bastrop