



EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE MAYOR

RE: COVID-19
E.O. # 2020- 3
March 24, 2020

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, the City of Bastrop Emergency Management Plan, and the 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.

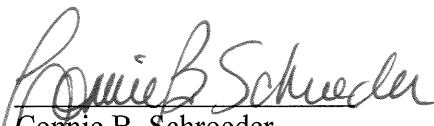
- 1. Closing Public Access to City Facilities:** Public access to City Facilities is hereby closed and suspended. Members of the public are not allowed to enter into or upon City Facilities.
- 2. Purpose:** This restriction is intended to hinder the spread of the COVID-19 virus by furthering social distancing as advised by the U.S. CDC and Texas DSHS.
- 3. 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 City parks and sports fields.
- 4. Application:** 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 have a business-related purpose for being at the City Facility.
- 5. Exceptions:** This restriction does not apply to meetings mandated to be open to the public by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 551, or other law.
- 6. Duration:** This restriction is temporary and shall be in effect for the duration of the Local State of Disaster unless earlier repealed.
- 7. 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) or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days 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.

- 8. Repealer:** Any prior or conflicting Emergency Order is hereby *repealed* to the extent necessary to effectuate this Emergency Order.

In my official capacity as Mayor and Emergency Management Director, 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