




EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE MAYOR

RE: COVID-19
E.O. # 2020- 5
March 26, 2020

1. **Purpose:** This limitation is intended to hinder the spread of the COVID-19 virus by encouraging social distancing, reducing unnecessary gatherings, and preserving City of Bastrop resources.
2. **Meetings Cancelled:** All regular (reoccurring) or currently scheduled meetings of Boards of the City of Bastrop are hereby cancelled.
3. **Definitions:**
 - *Meeting* as used in this Emergency Order shall mean regularly scheduled meetings of a Board of the City of Bastrop in which one or more items are to be considered.
 - *Board* as used in this Emergency Order shall mean all Boards, boards, commissions, task forces, councils, workgroups, etc., of the City of Bastrop, but does not include the Bastrop City Council.
4. **Exceptions:** The City Manager may call a special meeting of a Board when it is deemed in the best interest of the City. In calling a special meeting, the City Manager shall determine date, time, agenda, and manner of conducting the meeting (e.g., in-person, conference call, or videoconference).
5. **Duration:** This Order is temporary and shall be in effect for the duration of the Local State of Disaster unless earlier repealed.
6. **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 the City of Bastrop Code of Ordinances Section 1.08.011 and 1.01.009, and Texas Government Code Section § 418.173.

7. **Repealer:** Any prior or conflicting Emergency Order is hereby *repealed* to the extent necessary to effectuate this Emergency Order.
8. **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 3.01,
 - City of Bastrop Home Rule Charter Section 3.08,
 - City of Bastrop Code of Ordinances Article 1.08,
 - City of Bastrop Code of Ordinances Sections 1.02.002(b)(2), 1.04.003,
 - 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).
9. **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