



EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE MAYOR

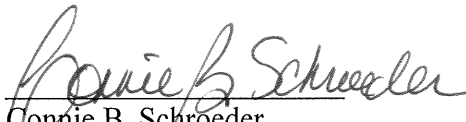
RE: COVID-19
E.O. # 2020- 4
March 24, 2020

1. **Purpose:** This limitation 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.
2. **Social Gatherings Maximum Occupancy Limitation:** Social Gatherings are limited to ten (10) people.
3. **Social Distancing:** People shall take reasonable steps to observe Social Distancing.
4. **Restaurants & Bars:** On-premises consumption of food or beverages at restaurants and bars is prohibited. Sales from restaurants and bars are limited to Take Out / Pick Up, and Delivery, only.
5. **Gyms & Massage Studios:** Gyms and Massage Studios are hereby closed to the public (including members). This does not apply to those gym or massage facilities incorporated into or adjacent to affiliated medical facilities, doctors' offices, or physical rehabilitation facilities.
6. **Definitions:**
 - *Social Gathering* is hereby defined as interactions among individuals in small, medium and large groups for community, fellowship, or social purposes.
 - *Social Distancing* is deliberately increasing the physical space between people to minimize close human interactions to avoid spreading illness. Staying at least six feet away from other people lessens your chances of catching COVID-19.
7. **Application:** This maximum occupancy limitation shall apply regardless of whether the gathering is indoors or outdoors. It shall include but is not limited to:
 - (a) public property, private property, and public accommodations.
 - (b) the common areas of hotels.

(c) concerts, sporting events, seminars, conferences, religious services, festivals, parades, or other types of assemblies. This list is not exhaustive.

8. **Exceptions:** This maximum occupancy limitation does not apply to on-duty employees working in a business or essential services, including but not limited to hospitals, pharmacies, grocery stores, daycares, convenience stores / gas stations or hotels. This limitation does not apply to persons visiting places including grocery stores, pharmacies, convenience stores / gas stations, and banks so long as Social Distancing is observed.
9. **Duration:** This Order is temporary and shall be in effect for the duration of the Local State of Disaster unless earlier repealed.
10. **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.
11. **Repealer:** Any prior or conflicting Emergency Order is hereby *repealed* to the extent necessary to effectuate this Emergency Order. Specifically repealed is E.O. # 2020- 2.
12. **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).
13. **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