

WHEREAS, the ongoing evaluation of circumstances involving the moderate to substantial spread of the virus and the updated recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services warrant the Order to be amended; and,

WHEREAS, the County Judge has determined that extraordinary emergency measures are necessary to be taken to continue with the mitigation of this public health emergency, facilitate a cooperative response amongst the citizens of Brooks County; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Executive Order GA-26, failure to comply with any of Governor Abbott's executive orders issued during the COVID-19 disaster is an offense punishable under Section 418.173 by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 and may be subject to regulatory enforcement;

THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE TEXAS DISASTER ACT of 1975, Brooks County Judge Eric Ramos hereby issues this AMENDED ORDER as follows:

Pursuant to chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, a curfew is hereby established for all areas of Brooks County, Texas from 11:00 PM until 5:00 AM Sunday thru Thursday and 12:00 AM until 5:00 AM on Friday and Saturday to go into effect on December 23, 2020 at 11:01 PM. All individuals shall remain in or on personal property and avoid traveling on any public road or highway during this period of curfew. Individuals who are traveling to or from a place of employment operation at the request of County Sheriff or Emergency Management Coordinator are exempt from the requirements of this order. Individuals traveling through Brooks County, Texas due to an emergency necessity are exempt from the requirements of this order. This order does not apply to health care providers or to a licensed food company providing food and other consumables to others. Individuals who work for a company categorized as "essential" by the CDC are also exempt. These individuals should carry a letter from employers showing proof that they are part of the "essential" workforce. This order does not prohibit any person from leaving his or home to seek necessary medical or emergency care.

The intent of this Order is to protect the physical health and well-being of Brooks County citizens and to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible while safeguarding the Constitutional liberties of Brooks County citizens by utilizing common restrictive measures and encouraging the highest level of personal responsibility. The curfew is a proactive measure being taken for the health and safety of the citizens of Brooks County, Texas. If you have any questions or need further guidance regarding this order, you may contact the Brooks County Sherriff's Department 361-325-3696

A person who violates this order is subject to a \$1,000.00 fine and/or 180 days confinement in Brooks County Jail.

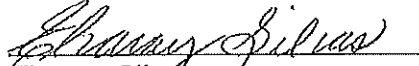
As County Judge, I hereby deem it necessary and so order that the curfew is hereby ordered until further notice or is rescinded.

Entered and ordered on this 23rd day of December, 2020.

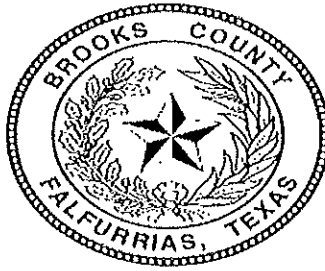


Eric Ramos
Brooks County Judge

Attest:



Elvaray Silyas
Brooks County Clerk



SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY
RECOMMENDATION
RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the United States of America, including the State of Texas, is experiencing a surge in confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the Coastal Bend, including Brooks County, is also experiencing a rise in confirmed and probable cases COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the three Hospital Regions which surround Brooks County is experiencing a decrease in the availability of hospital and ICU beds; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Texas and the County of Brooks must protect lives while restoring livelihoods, both of which can be achieved with the expert advice of medical and business leaders; and,

WHEREAS, The Brooks County/City of Falfurrias Emergency Management Team have advised the County that additional hygiene measures are necessary to stop the continued spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing evaluation of circumstances involving the substantial spread of the virus and the updated recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services warrant a recommendation to remain at home except for essential needs; and,

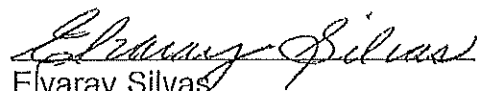
WHEREAS, the County Judge has determined that extraordinary emergency measures are necessary to be taken to continue with the mitigation of this public health emergency, facilitate a cooperative response amongst the citizens of Brooks County; and,

THEREFORE, the Brooks County Commissioners Court STRONGLY RECOMMENDS the Citizens of Brooks County should stay at home, except for essential needs, over the next 6 weeks:

Entered and recommended on this 23rd day of December 2020.



Eric Ramos
Brooks County Judge


Elvaray Silva
Brooks County Clerk

Resolution

Whereas the Covid-19 virus continues to spread throughout Texas;

Whereas there are presently more than 80 active cases in Brooks County;

Whereas the vaccine will not be available to the general public for weeks or months;

Whereas the Texas Department of State Health Services is no longer providing the list of addresses for people who have tested positive for Covid-19 thereby preventing communities from tracing sources of the virus;

Whereas providing the addresses of local people who tested positive for Covid-19 would allow local officials to provide the protocols and requirements for quarantine directly to the affected person as well as to provide contact information for the agencies that will provide services to the quarantine person (such as grocery and other supply pick up);

Whereas not providing the lists greatly impacts Brooks County, Texas and many other communities, especially smaller areas, and leads to a greater and faster spread of the Covid-19 virus;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that Brooks County Commissioners Court register its objection with Governor Abbott and John Hellerstedt M.D., the Commissioner of Health of the Department of State Health Services and Dr. Cuevas, the local regional director, for the failure to provide information of addresses of people who have tested positive for Covid-19 locally;

Be It Further Resolved that the Brooks County Commissioners Court urge State and Regional Health Officials to provide the lists immediately and to continue providing it till the COVID-19 pandemic is under control.