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**SECOND AMENDED ORDER OF MAYOR TAMMY DANA-BASHIAN  
AMENDING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER  
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency, due to a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration was issued in furtherance of her authority to protect the safety and welfare of the public by slowing the spread of the virus, and was amended on March 16, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County Judge of Dallas County, Texas, issued an emergency declaration of local disaster for the entire county on March 13, 2020, as has the Governor of the State of Texas for the State and the President of the United States for the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the County Judge of Dallas County, Texas, issued an amended order effective as of 11:59 PM on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 containing more restrictive provisions in an effort to stop the spread of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Texas has more recently issued an Executive Order effective March 19, 2020, containing more stringent requirements and recommendations than the previous disaster proclamation of March 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the on-going evaluation of circumstances related to the virus, the updated recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Services, and the amendments to the declarations and proclamations of disaster and emergency by the Governor and the County Judge of Dallas County persuades the Mayor to amend her Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency for the City of Rowlett, and to ensure uniform application to all areas of the City that are situated within Dallas as well as Rockwall County.

**THEREFORE**, the March 13, 2020, Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency of Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian, and the Amended Order of Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian Amending the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency, be and are hereby amended as follows:

Summary: The virus that causes 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) is easily transmitted through person to person contact, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety. Because of the risk of the rapid

spread of the virus, and the need to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, this Order prohibits community gatherings, as defined by Section 3 herein, of 50 persons or more anywhere in the City of Rowlett beginning at 11:01 a.m. on March 20, 2020, and continuing through 11:00 a.m. on April 30, 2020. Additionally, this Order prohibits social gatherings, as defined by Section 3 herein, of 10 persons or more anywhere in the City beginning at 11:01 a.m. on March 20, 2020, and continuing through 11:00 a.m. on April 30, 2020. For gatherings of less than 10 persons, the City and the Health Authority strongly recommend following the social distancing protocols attached to this Order. Additionally, the City and the Health Authority urge in the strongest terms possible all high-risk individuals, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), cancel, reschedule, or not attend any event.

Section 1. Effective as of 11:01 a.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020, and continuing until 11:00 a.m. April 30, 2020:

(a) Public or private Recreational Gatherings and Community Gatherings (as defined in Section 3 below) are prohibited anywhere in the City of Rowlett.

(b) Restaurants with or without drive-in or drive-through services and microbreweries, micro-distilleries, or wineries may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-through services as allowed by law.

(c) Bars, lounges, taverns, private clubs, arcades, and gyms shall close.

Section 2. In addition, the City and the Health Authority strongly urge high-risk individuals to cancel, reschedule, and not attend all gatherings until further notice. These recommendations are based on the social distancing practices attached to this Order as well as the “Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission” issued by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”). The City and the Health Authority urge people to not attend non-essential gatherings during the duration of this Order in order to help slow down the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Section 3. Definitions:

(a) For purposes of this Order, a “Community Gathering” is any indoor or outdoor event or convening, subject to the exceptions and clarifications below, that brings together or is likely to bring together fifty (50) or more persons at the same time in a single room or other single confined or enclosed space, such as an auditorium, theatre, stadium (indoor or outdoor), arena or event center, meeting hall, conference center, large cafeteria, or any other confined indoor or confined outdoor space. An outdoor “Community Gathering” under this Order is limited to events in confined outdoor spaces, which means an outdoor space that (i) is enclosed by a fence, physical barrier, or other structure and (ii) where people are present and they are within six feet of one another for extended periods. For clarity, community gatherings include, but are not limited to, weddings, religious services, funerals, and other gatherings.

(b) For the purposes of the Order, a “Recreational Gathering” is any indoor or outdoor event or convening that is primarily social or recreational in nature, subject to the exceptions and clarifications below, that brings together or is likely to bring together ten (10) or more persons at the same time in a single room or other single confined or enclosed space. For clarity, social gatherings include, but are not limited to, parties, backyard barbecues, social events, sporting events, and other gatherings. Private facilities, such as country clubs, may still operate their outdoor facilities, such as golf or tennis courts, but must limit indoor activities, such as their card rooms and similar amenities to 10 people or less.

(c) This Order does not prohibit gatherings of people in multiple, separate enclosed spaces in a single building such as school classrooms, residential buildings, or hotels, so long as 50 people are not present in any single space at the same time. This Order also does not prohibit the use of enclosed spaces where 50 or more people may be present at different times during the day, so long as 50 or more people are not present in the space at the same time. For example, residential buildings may continue to operate their common facilities, such as laundry facilities, so long as 50 or more people are not present at the same time. For any gathering covered by this subsection, the City and the Health Authority strongly encourage compliance with the attached Recommendations, including social distancing, providing hand sanitizer and tissues, and increasing cleaning of commonly and frequently touched services.

(d) This Order does not apply to the following critical facilities, so long as visitors are generally not within six feet of one another for extended periods:

- i. critical infrastructure, including airport facilities and operations, bus stations, transit, and transit facilities;
- ii. government buildings providing essential services;
- iii. schools or institutes of higher learning;
- iv. office buildings, so long as employers take all steps reasonably possible to implement social distancing protocols;
- v. grocery stores and pharmacies; and
- vi. hospitals and medical offices and facilities, including cafes and restaurants located within these facilities.

For purposes of this Order, “grocery stores” includes warehouse stores, big-box stores, bodegas, gas stations, and farmers’ markets that sell food products and household staples. In the settings described in this Section (3)(d), the City and the Health Authority strongly encourage compliance with the attached Recommendations, including social distancing, providing hand sanitizer and tissues, and increasing cleaning of commonly and frequently touched services.

Section 4. Our community’s critical infrastructure, which includes communications, emergency services, energy, transportation systems, and water and wastewater systems, are instructed by this order to continue operating and encouraged to implement screening precautions to protect employees.

Section 5. Grocery stores, supermarkets, warehouse stores, hospitals, and medical facilities are experiencing high levels of demand for a large number of products, requiring more deliveries from manufacturers and distribution centers to serve their customers. A number of Texas cities and local associations have implemented restrictions on delivery hours to stores to mitigate truck noise and traffic. Due to the need to deliver products as quickly and efficiently as possible during this critical time frame, this Order hereby suspends all delivery hour restrictions for transport to or from any entity involved in the selling or distribution of food products, medicine, or medical supplies in the City for the next 60 days.


Section 6. If someone in a household has tested positive for coronavirus, the household is ordered to isolate at home. Members of the household cannot go to work, school, or any other community function.

Section 7. Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities are instructed by this order to prohibit non-essential visitors from accessing their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or for end-of-life visitation.

Section 8. This Declaration shall apply to all areas and territory within the City of Rowlett, regardless of whether the area is located wholly or partially within Dallas County or Rockwall County. This Declaration shall be effective until 11:00 a.m. on April 30, 2020, or until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law.

Section 9. The City shall promptly provide copies of this Declaration by posting on the City's website, transmittal to local media, and dissemination through social media platforms. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Declaration is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Declaration on site and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Declaration or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**

  
**Tammy Dana-Bashian**  
**Mayor, City of Rowlett, Texas**

**DATE:** 3/20/2020