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DALLAS, TEXAS**SEVENTH AMENDED EMERGENCY REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, by proclamation issued March 12, 2020, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the Mayor declared a state of local disaster for the City of Dallas resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, by proclamation issued March 19, 2020, the state of local disaster was extended to April 29, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, by proclamation issued April 22, 2020, the state of local disaster was extended to May 12, 2020, and continuing concurrently thereafter with the Governor's state of disaster;

**WHEREAS**, by executive order issued May 18, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott expanded reopening of services as part of the safe, strategic plan to open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster;

**WHEREAS**, Governor Greg Abbott will continue to expand the reopening of services as part of the safe, strategic plan to open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster;

**WHEREAS**, Texas Government Code Section 418.1015 states that the Mayor, as the presiding officer of the governing body of the City of Dallas, is designated as the emergency management director and serves as the Governor's designated agent in the administration and supervision of duties under Chapter 418, including exercising the powers granted to the Governor under Chapter 418 on an appropriate local scale;

**WHEREAS**, Texas Government Code Section 418.108 authorizes the Mayor of the City of Dallas to order the evacuation of all or part of the population from a stricken or threatened area

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under the jurisdiction and authority of the Mayor if the Mayor considers the action necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery; and authorizes the Mayor to control ingress to and egress from a disaster area under the jurisdiction and authority of the Mayor to control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in that area;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.1015, the Mayor, as the emergency management director, has designated the City Manager as the emergency management coordinator to serve as an assistant to the emergency management director for emergency management purposes;

**WHEREAS**, Dallas City Code Section 14B-7 authorizes the City Manager to "promulgate such regulations as he or she deems necessary to protect life and property and preserve critical resources" while a state of disaster is in effect; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the following regulations take effect immediately and shall continue until they are either rescinded, superseded, or amended or until they expire pursuant to applicable law.

**SECTION 1. SAFER AT HOME.**

(a) Individuals may leave their residence when necessary to provide, obtain, or access Covered Services or to conduct Safe Daily Activities, as defined in Section 2.

(b) To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably as possible, maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence.

(c) All public or private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited. Nothing in these Seventh Amended Emergency Regulations (“Emergency Regulations”) prohibit the gathering of members of a household or living unit.

**SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS.**

(a) Covered Services include all Covered Services in Executive Order GA-23, and future executive orders or proclamations by the governor, and everything listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 3.0, or any subsequent version, pursuant to Governor Abbott’s Executive Order GA-23, or any subsequent executive order, plus religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship.

(1) The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 3.0 may be accessed at:

[https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Version\\_3.0\\_CISA\\_Guidance\\_on\\_Essential\\_Critical\\_Infrastructure\\_Workers\\_1.pdf](https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Version_3.0_CISA_Guidance_on_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workers_1.pdf).

(2) Guidance for Houses of Worship During the COVID-19 Crisis, prepared by the Attorney General of Texas, may be accessed at:

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/images/admin/2020/Press/Third%20Revised%20AG%20Guidance%20for%20Houses%20of%20Worship%20During%20the%20COVID-19%20Crisis%20-%20Final.pdf>.

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(b) Safe Daily Activities mean:

(1) To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to a person's health and safety, or to the health and safety of a person's family or household members (for example, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies needed to work from home).

(2) To obtain necessary services or supplies for that person and the person's family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others (for example, food, pet supplies, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences).

(3) To visit swimming pools, parks, beaches, rivers, or lakes.

(4) To hunt or fish.

(5) To attend youth club meetings or events.

(6) To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with social distancing requirements of six feet (for example, walking, biking, hiking, running, golfing, and tennis).

(7) To perform work providing essential products and services at a Covered Service or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in these Emergency Regulations.

(8) To care for a family member or pet in another household.

(9) To move to another residence either in or outside the City of Dallas.

(10) To engage in Essential Travel. Essential Travel includes travel to provide, obtain, or access Covered Services or to conduct Safe Daily Activities.

**SECTION 3. REPORTING OF COVID-19 TESTS.**

(a) All public, private, and commercial laboratories operating within the City of Dallas and performing COVID-19 testing shall report by 5:00 p.m. each day for the prior 24-hour period:

- (1) the number of COVID-19 tests performed; and
- (2) the number of positive COVID-19 tests to Rocky Vaz at oemdepartment@dallascityhall.com, if either the specimen is collected in, or the test is performed in, the City of Dallas.

(b) Such laboratories shall not provide names or other individually identifiable health information that could be used to identify an individual patient. This information will be used solely for public health purposes to monitor the testing conducted in the City and mitigate and contain the spread of COVID-19.

**SECTION 4. HOSPITALS.**

All hospitals within the City of Dallas that are licensed under the Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 241, maintained or operated by the state, except psychiatric hospitals, and maintained or operated by the federal government, except psychiatric hospitals, shall submit to Mayor Eric Johnson, City of Dallas Emergency Management Director, at eric.johnson@dallascityhall.com, by 4:00 p.m. each day, daily reports of the total number of:

- (1) patient beds and patient beds occupied;
- (2) Intensive Care Unit patient beds and Intensive Care Unit patient beds occupied; and
- (3) ventilators that are available and ventilators being used by patients.

**SECTION 5. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS.**

(a) Because an infected person can transmit the COVID-19 virus to others before showing any symptoms, all persons over the age of two must, to the greatest extent possible, wear some form of covering over their nose and mouth, such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief, when providing or obtaining Covered Services. The City of Dallas will not impose a civil or criminal penalty for failure to wear some form of covering over the nose and mouth.

(b) Employers shall not implement any rules making a negative COVID-19 test or a note from a healthcare provider a requirement before a COVID-19 recovered employee can return to work.

(c) Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities are instructed by these Emergency Regulations to prohibit non-essential visitors from accessing their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or for end-of-life visitation.

**SECTION 6. MINIMUM STANDARD HEALTH PROTOCOLS.**

(a) The Steps to Open Texas Businesses, which include Minimum Standard Health Protocols, in *The Governor's Report to Open Texas*, issued April 27, 2020, as amended, are adopted as part of these Emergency Regulations of the City of Dallas. Individuals, employers, employees, and customers in the City of Dallas must comply with the minimum standard health protocols and Open Texas Checklists recommended by DSHS, found at [www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus) to the greatest extent possible.

(b) Any reference to the geographic area of "Texas" in the Minimum Standard Health Protocols, adopted as part of these Emergency Regulations shall instead mean "the City of Dallas."

(c) Any reference to the phrase “Governor Abbott’s executive order GA-23,” or any future executive order, in the Minimum Standard Health Protocols, adopted as part of these Emergency Regulations, shall instead mean “these Emergency Regulations.”

(d) Any reference to the word “recommended” in the Minimum Standard Health Protocols, adopted as part of these Emergency Regulations, shall instead mean “must comply to the greatest extent possible.”

#### **SECTION 7. POSTING REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) The owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by these Emergency Regulations shall post a copy of these Emergency Regulations onsite and visible to users of the facility and provide a copy to any user of the facility asking for a copy.

(b) The owner, manager, or operator of Covered Services who are likely to have customers or members of the public enter their premises may post a sign advising customers that persons over the age of two may be required to wear some form of covering over their nose and mouth inside the premises.

#### **SECTION 8. SUSPENSION AND MODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES.**

(a) Any city ordinance, order, or regulation that would prevent the delivery of emergency or vital services, temporary sheltering, or housing in response to the declared disaster is suspended or modified as necessary to make these regulations effective.

(b) Any city ordinance, order, or regulation imposing a time requirement for approving or denying an application or for appealing a city decision is tolled.

(c) Any city ordinance, order, or regulation that conflicts with these regulations is suspended or modified as necessary to make these Emergency Regulations effective.

(d) Any city ordinance, order, or regulation that restricts delivery hours for transport to or from any entity involved in the selling or distribution of food products, medicine, or medical supplies is suspended or modified as necessary to allow for transport and delivery.

(e) Any city ordinance, order, or regulation that prevents a manufacturer who retools its business for the purpose of manufacturing and producing ventilators, masks, personal protective equipment, or any supplies necessary for healthcare operations is suspended, and the manufacturer may apply for a temporary certificate of occupancy for such manufacturing.

**SECTION 9. USE OF CITY FACILITIES.**

City facilities may be used as needed by the city to meet the requirements and goals of these Emergency Regulations, including, but not limited to, operating temporary healthcare facilities, fire stations, and other emergency and public health and safety services.

**SECTION 10. CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.**

(a) All city council meetings must be conducted virtually, either as a telephonic or videoconference meeting.

(b) All persons wishing to speak at a city council meeting, including those speaking on public hearing items, must register to speak in accordance with the City Council Rules of Procedure Section 6.3.

**SECTION 11. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**

City council committees, both standing and ad hoc, must be conducted virtually, either as a telephonic or videoconference meeting.



**SECTION 12. PROHIBITING CERTAIN CITY BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS.**

City boards and commissions are prohibited from meeting, except telephonic or videoconference meetings of: (1) quasi-judicial boards (see Exhibit A to these Emergency Regulations); (2) boards that are instrumentalities of the city (see Exhibit A to these Emergency Regulations); (3) the Judicial Nominating Commission, when meeting to consider interviews and recommendations for appointment of municipal court judges; (4) Reinvestment Zone Boards (Tax Increment Financing Districts), when meeting to appoint officers, or to create, adopt, or amend a finance plan, or when meeting to amend the terms of existing development agreements for projects that would be negatively impacted by delay due to COVID-19; or (5) other boards and commissions that may be required to meet to consider an item pursuant to, or in compliance with, state or federal law.

**SECTION 13. SEVERABILITY.**

If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of these regulations or any application of them to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then that decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of these regulations.

**SECTION 14. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

That all ordinances of the City of Dallas and the Dallas City Code, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by these Emergency Regulations.

**SECTION 15. PENALTIES.**

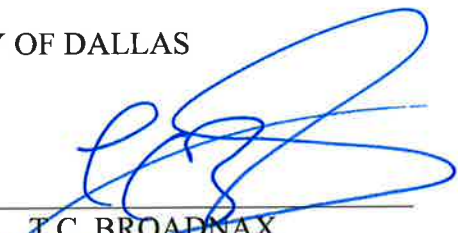
(a) These Emergency Regulations shall have the effect of an ordinance when duly filed with the city secretary.

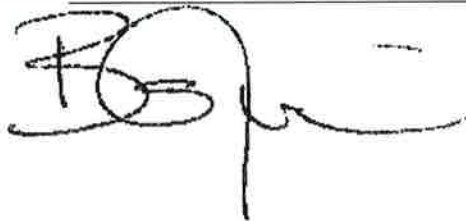
(b) A person who violates any provision of these regulations, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$1,000.

**SECTION 16. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

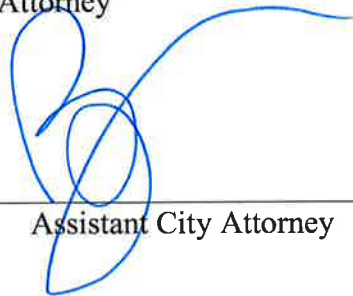
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CITY OF DALLAS

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Passed: MAY 21 2020  


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## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS CLASSIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION

Board/Commission (Acronym)	Members	Type	Classification	Holdover Period	Termed
Animal Advisory Commission (ASC)	15	I	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Building Inspection Advisory, Examining & Appeals Board (BIA)	16	CM	Quasi-judicial	Until Resign or Replaced	4 Terms
Board of Adjustment (BOA)	15	I	Quasi-judicial	Until Resign or Replaced	4 Terms
Board of Adjustment Alternate Members (BOX)	6	FC	Quasi-judicial	Until Resign or Replaced	4 Terms
Arts & Culture Advisory Commission (CAC)	15	I	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Arts & Culture Advisory Commission Adjunct Members (CAX)	3	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Community Development Commission (CDC)	15	I	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Community Police Oversight Board (CPO)	15	I	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Citizen Homelessness Commission (CHC)	15	I	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
City Plan and Zoning Commission (CPC)	15	I	Quasi-judicial	Until Resign or Replaced	4 Terms
Civil Service Board (CSB)	7	FC	Quasi-judicial	Until Resign or Replaced	4 Terms
Civil Service Board Adjunct Members (CSX)	15	I	Quasi-judicial	Until Resign or Replaced	4 Terms
Cypress Waters Municipal Management District (CYP)	9	FC			
Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness LGC (DAP)	6	M	Instrumentality	Until Resign or Replaced	3 Terms
Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board (DAR)	8	FC	Quasi-judicial	Until Resign or Replaced	Indefinite
Dallas Central Appraisal District Board (DCA)	1	M	Quasi-judicial	Until Resign or Replaced	4 Terms
Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport Board (DFW)	7	FC	Quasi-judicial	Until Resign or Replaced	4 Terms
Dallas Housing Authority (DHA)	5	M	Quasi-judicial	Until Resign or Replaced	Indefinite
Dallas Police and Fire Pension Board (DPF)	6	M	Instrumentality	Until Resign or Replaced	2 Terms
Ethics Advisory Commission (EAC)	7	FC	Quasi-judicial	Until Resign or Replaced	4 Terms
Employees' Retirement Fund Board (ERF)	3	FC	Quasi-judicial	Until Resign or Replaced	4 Terms
Fire Code Advisory and Appeal Board (FCB)	9	CM	Quasi-judicial	Until Resign or Replaced	4 Terms
Housing Finance Corporation Board (HFC)	15	I	Instrumentality	Until Resign or Replaced	4 Terms
Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC)	15	I	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Landmark Commission (LMC)	15	I	Quasi-judicial	Until Resign or Replaced	4 Terms
Landmark Commission Alternate Members (LMX)	3	FC	Quasi-judicial	Until Resign or Replaced	4 Terms
Municipal Library Board (MLB)	15	I	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center Board (MLK)	15	I	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
North Oak Cliff Municipal Management District (NOC)	9	FC			
Park and Recreation Board (PAR)	15	I	Quasi-judicial	Until Resign or Replaced	4 Terms
Permit and License Appeal Board (PLA)	15	I	Quasi-judicial	Until Resign or Replaced	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Three Board (Oak Cliff Gateway) (RZ03)	5	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Four Board (Cedars Area) (RZ04)	6	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Five Board (City Center) (RZ05)	6	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Six Board (Farmers Market) (RZ06)	7	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Seven Board (Sports Arena) (RZ07)	6	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Eight Board (Design District) (RZ08)	6	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Nine Board (Vickery Meadow) (RZ09)	6	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Ten Board (Southwest Medical) (RZ10)	5	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Eleven Board (Downtown) (RZ11)	6	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Twelve Board (Deep Ellum) (RZ12)	6	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Thirteen Board (Grand Park) (RZ13)	6	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Fourteen Board (Skillman Corridor) (RZ14)	7	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Fifteen Board (Fort Worth Avenue) (RZ15)	8	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Sixteen Board (Davis Garden) (RZ16)	6	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Seventeen Board (TOD) (RZ17)	8	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Eighteen Board (Maple/Mockingbird) (RZ18)	6	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Nineteen Board (Cypress Waters) (RZ19)	6	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Twenty Board (Mall Area Redevelopment)	6	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Reinvestment Zone Twenty-One Board (University)	6	FC	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Senior Affairs Commission (SAC)	15	I	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
South Dallas/Fair Park Opportunity Fund Board (SDF)	15	I	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms
Trinity River Corridor Local Government Corporation (TRL)	7	FC	Instrumentality	Until Resign or Replaced	3 Terms
Trinity River West Municipal Management District (TRW)	9	FC			
Youth Commission (YOC)	15	I	Advisory	9 Months	4 Terms