

**CITY OF SANSOM PARK, TEXAS
FOURTH AMENDED MAYORAL DECLARATION
OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was identified and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the continued spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Sansom Park issued and subsequently amended a Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency to implement measures to help mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 and stop its spread across the City and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sansom Park passed its Order Continuing Third Amended Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on May 7, 2020, which extended the local state of disaster declaration until the State of Disaster issued by Governor Greg Abbott is terminated and allowed the Mayor to amend, extend or terminate the Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency to remain consistent with any future Executive Orders signed by Governor Greg Abbott related to the COVID-19 disaster and the Open Texas Plan; and

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-28 on June 26, 2020, to provide for a statewide targeted response to the COVID-19 disaster as part of the reopening of Texas; and

WHEREAS, to remain consistent with the executive orders issued by Governor Greg Abbott as of June 26, 2020, the Mayor issues this Fourth Amended Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency (“Declaration”).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANSOM PARK, TEXAS:

1. That the Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency declared on March 17, 2020 remains in effect for the City of Sansom Park pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. That pursuant to the City of Sansom Park’s Order Continuing Third Amended Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency passed by the City Council on May 7, 2020 and Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be coterminous with the State of Disaster issued by Governor Greg Abbott on March 13, 2020.
3. That this Declaration of a local state of disaster due to public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code.
4. That the City of Sansom Park Emergency Management Plan shall continue to be

activated and implemented, pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code.

5. That the City of Sansom Park is authorized to commandeer or use any private property, temporarily acquire, by lease or other means, sites required for temporary housing units or emergency shelters for evacuees, subject to compensation requirements, pursuant to §418.020(c) of the Texas Government Code.
6. That this Declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including quarantine, evacuation, regulating ingress and egress from a disaster area and controlling the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises, pursuant to §418.108(f), (g) of the Texas Government Code.
7. That effective immediately, the City of Sansom Park adopts the provisions of Executive Order GA-28 issued by Governor Greg Abbott on June 26, 2020. The provisions of Executive Order GA-28 are incorporated herein by reference as if written word for word.
8. That effective at 6:00 p.m. on June 26, 2020 and continuing through 6:00 a.m. on August 3, 2020, unless extended, modified or terminated early by the Mayor or the City Council:
 - a. All entities and sole proprietorships in the City of Sansom Park, Texas, providing goods and services directly to the public must develop and implement a health and safety policy (“Health and Safety Policy”). The Health and Safety Policy must require, at a minimum, that all employees and visitors to the entity’s business premises wear face coverings when in an area or performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public. The Health and Safety Policy may allow individuals with an operational need to remove a face covering so long as such operational needs are specifically addressed in the Health and Safety Policy. The Health and Safety Policy may also include the implementation of other mitigating measures designed to control and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 such as temperature checks or health screenings. Entities must post the Health and Safety Policy required by this Declaration in a conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees and visitors of all health and safety requirements. Failure to develop and implement the Health and Safety Policy required by this Declaration within five (5) calendar days following the date of this Declaration may result in a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.173.
 - b. Other than the exceptions specifically provided in the executive orders of Governor Greg Abbott, individuals in areas open to the public where social distancing is not feasible and where it is estimated that 100 people or more are present, are required to wear masks.
 - c. All people 10 years or older are strongly urged to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when in an area open to the public where it is difficult to keep six feet away from other people or working in areas that involve proximity with coworkers. The CDC advises face coverings for people 2 years or older. Face coverings may include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or a handkerchief. Sansom Park residents should continue to maintain social distancing of at least six feet while outside their home.
 - d. The requirement of a face covering does not apply if covering the nose and mouth poses a significant mental or physical risk to the individual. The requirement of a face covering also does not apply when an individual is consuming a food or beverage or receiving a

service where the wearing of a face covering would impair the performance of the service.

9. That any certified peace officer or other person with lawful authority is hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Declaration in accordance with the authority granted under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975. Any person who violates this Declaration may be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00.
10. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Declaration are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Declaration should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences paragraphs and sections that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Declaration are severable.
11. This Declaration is issued in accordance with and incorporates by reference any declaration of disaster previously issued and adopted by the City of Sansom Park. In the event of a conflict between this Declaration and a prior declaration or order pertaining to COVID-19, this Declaration prevails.
12. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and shall remain in full force unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by further Declaration or Order.



DECLARED this 29th day of June, 2020.



Jim Barnett, Jr. Mayor