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### CITY OF SEADRIFT

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# MAYORAL EXECUTIVE ORDER #3 COVID-19

STAY-AT-HOME March 27, 2020

Seadrift Mayor, Elmer DeForest

**WHEREAS, COVID-19** spreads between individuals who are in close contact with one another and transferred through coughing, sneezing, touching contaminated surfaces, then transferring via touching the face, eyes, nose, mouth and other individuals, and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a state of emergency and then declared a major disaster in Texas on March 25, 2020, and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas declared a state of emergency and imminent disaster in Texas, and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Seadrift, Texas declared a state of emergency and disaster in the City of Seadrift, and

WHEREAS, since March 13, 2020 there have been several Executive Orders regarding COVID-19 issued by the Governor and Mayor, and

**WHEREAS**, there are confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Calhoun County identified as "community spread", and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas, Calhoun County and the City of Seadrift have been and is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the City, and

WHEREAS, said states of Disaster Declarations have caused certain emergency protective measures to be enacted, and

**WHEREAS**, said states of Emergency/Disaster Declarations will require additional emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEADRIFT, TEXAS THAT,

I, ELMER DEFOREST, MAYOR, DO HEREBY ORDER ALL RESIDENTS OF, AND VISITORS TO, AND TEMPORARY RESIDENTS TO THE CITY OF SEADRIFT TO STAY-AT-HOME and practice "sheltering-in-place" to reduce and possibly prevent the spread of the deadly virus, COVID-19. This Executive Order #3, Stay-At-Home Order, begins at 10:00PM March 27, 2020 and will extend through April 12, 2020 unless extended or otherwise rescinded on or before April 12, 2020. ALL Previous Declarations of Emergency/Disaster and Executive Orders are still in force.

**SECTION I CURFEW:** A Curfew is in place since March 26, 2020 and begins each night at 10:00PM until 4:00AM the next morning through April 12, 2020, unless extended or rescinded on or before April 12, 2020. This curfew is in force within the entire County, not just within the City.

**SECTION II SOCIAL GATHERINGS (ANY TYPE): PROHIBITED:** In the context of being out and about, shopping for necessities, getting exercise, fresh air (as described in "Stay-at-Home) below. Gatherings of more than 2 individuals are prohibited (reference Executive Order #2). IN ANY CASE, social distancing (Six Foot Distance) shall be practiced and is REQUIRED. Obviously, this does not apply to couples living together and any number of family members LIVING IN THE SAME STRUCTURE, but, be aware the risk is the same for all, even if one member becomes infected.

#### **SECTION III STAY AT HOME:**

- The only movement/travel allowed is to obtain or deliver or order or perform the necessary tasks for food, drink, medicine, medical care, fuel, mailing, paying bills, education needs, laundry, to provide medical or personal care to the aged and infirm or to get out and exercise and get fresh air, except as shown in EXCEPTIONS below.
- For those currently within the City as temporary residents residing in a lawfully, permitted Recreational Vehicle, may stay in the RV for as long as needed but only as long as the COVID-19 virus situation lasts and these Executive Orders are in force.

#### **SECTION IV EXCEPTIONS:**

- EMPLOYEE: Travel to/from employment is allowed even within the confines of the Curfew, whether the employer is inside or outside the City. If travel is within the confines of the city and county Curfew, a Letter from the employer, on business letterhead. should be carried and handy to show any law enforcement, IF you are stopped for an infraction.
- **EMPLOYER:** You are encouraged to continue operations, at your discretion, and if located within the City and defined as a <u>Critical Business</u> and can operate with the minimum required number of employees.

CRITICAL BUSINESS/INFRASTRUCTURE: The following are Critical Businesses and Infrastructure within the City and are urged to remain open and operating within the confines of curfews, operating with the minimum amount of employees that are required - keeping in mind the requirement for social distancing of six feet or more, UNLESS safety and/or production dictates otherwise. \*\* Food Stores \*\* Quick Stops \*\* Fuel Stations \*\* Lodging/Rentals \*\* Restaurants/Fast Food operating with take out, drive-up and/or delivery methods \*\* Construction \*\* Plumbing/Electrical/HVAC/Pest Control/Computer Services \*\* Vehicle Repair Services \*\* Banks \*\* Manufacturing \*\* Food/Seafood Production \* Laundromats and Laundry Services \*\* In Home Healthcare and Elder, Infirm care \*\* Shipping, Delivery of Food/Fuel \*\* Educational locations for purposes of facilitating distance learning \*\* City & County Services, Utility Operation, Law Enforcement, Fire Fighting, Ambulance 

\*\* News Organizations \*\* Child Care

\*\* Parks: HOWEVER Pier and Playgrounds are Closed due to the virus staying on surfaces

\* Shelters

\*\* Post Office

SECTION V GENERAL INFORMATION:

\* Cemeteries

This Stay-at-Home order does not prohibit people from going to grocery stores, quick stops, hardware/lumber stores, fuel stations, parks, banks and etc., so long as the necessary precautions in accordance with CDC guidelines are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, primary of these are maintaining the social separation of six feet from each other.

Critical Businesses/Infrastructure that remain open: EVERYONE should practice good hygiene in accordance with CDC guidelines and, where feasible, work from home in order to achieve optimum isolation. The more that people can reduce contact with others, the sooner COVID-19 will be contained and the sooner this executive order will expire.

**ALL** individuals should practice the CDC recommended actions such as washing hands frequently, using hand sanitizer and etc. and not touching the face, eyes, nose and mouth and refrain from touching each other, such as shaking hands, hugging and kissing as the case may be.

The COVID19 virus has been known to survive up to 3 days on many surfaces.

- > The 4 most effective disinfecting liquids to wipe down surfaces are:
  - o 70% or higher isopropyl alcohol
  - Hand sanitizer having an alcohol content of 70% or higher
  - Bleach
  - Hydrogen Peroxide

We ask, just like other government entities have, and the CDC and Regional Public Health entities have, that if you think you have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus or if you have a fever, cough or shortness of breath symptoms to call your Primary Care Physician BEFORE going to their offices or emergency room or calling for an ambulance. Your physician should be able to assess your symptoms over the phone and let you know if you have need to come into their offices. This will allow their team to take the necessary precautions should you need to come in.

Above all, please do not over-react and use common sense and reduce your exposure and other's exposure to you if you are ill.

## **SECTION VI EFFECTIVE DATE/ENFORCEMENT/PENALTY:**

- The Declaration of Emergency/Disaster issued March 13, 2020 and this Executive Order authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote the health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, regulate ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations and other medical facilities that may arrive and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules, pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Health and Safety Code.
- In accordance with the Texas Government Code 418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to One-Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed One Hundred-Eighty Days (180 Days).
- The Declaration of Emergency/Disaster and tis Executive Order authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.
- This Executive Order #3 shall take effect at 10:00PM March 27, 2020 and be in force until April 12, 2020 unless extended, modified or rescinded on or before April 12, 2020.

Elmer DeForest, Mayor

ATTEST

Gabriela Torres, City Secretary