



**ORDER CLOSING
ENTERTAINMENT VENUES
OPERATING IN THE CITY OF LA MARQUE
ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LA MARQUE**

WHEREAS, the City of La Marque, Texas in Galveston County, Texas has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 418 related to the Coronavirus/COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, information issued by the Federal Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health Services related to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 have stressed undertaking steps to control the virus; and

WHEREAS, those entities have urged that the failure to take steps to diminish the spread of the virus will result in the overwhelming of the health care system in this area with a concomitant increase of mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Health District has confirmed the presence of Coronavirus in Galveston County caused by community spread, although the Health District refuses to identify the precise location within the County; and

WHEREAS, the present emphasis is the control of community spread of the virus by limiting the number of citizens who are present in a given area; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of the city has noted the presence of citizens attending venues whose main purpose is the delivery of entertainment to the public in a confined, defined area, including air venues, and other attractions located in the City; and

WHEREAS, the high concentration of citizens at entertainment venues presents an opportunity for the transmission of the virus through community spread; and

WHEREAS, the determination to implement control measures involves consideration of the balance between the social utility of the control measure implements versus the effect on the private and public sectors ability to deliver goods and services to the general population and preserve the public confidence; and

WHEREAS, it appears the implementation of control measures to control the community spread of the virus at entertainment venues open to the public is in the best interest of this community; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of such control measures at public entertainment venues would not undermine the ability of the private and public sector to deliver essential goods and services to the general population; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS:


SECTION 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this **ORDER** are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. That public entertainment venues located in the City of La Marque are ordered to be closed effective as of the signing of this **ORDER**; it shall be unlawful for the operator of an entertainment venue to remain open to the public; and

SECTION 3. Any person who shall violate and provision of this **ORDER** shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a penal sum allowed by law.

SECTION 4. That, in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act, this **ORDER** shall take effect immediately at 11:00 PM on March 18, 2020 and shall terminate thirty days from the entry of this **ORDER** or until further **ORDER** of the City.

SO, DECLARED AND ORDERED at 12:30 PM on this the 18th day of March 2020.



BOBBY HOCKING
MAYOR, CITY OF LA MARQUE

ATTEST.



ROBIN ELDRIDGE, TRMC
CITY CLERK