



March 18, 2020

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORDER NCOV2020-1 AND RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every American to aid in the prevention of the spread of this virus. Our hope is that of the Federal and State Government; that by imposing these measures quickly and firmly, we will help bring this national emergency to an end quickly and help revitalize the economy we all enjoy as soon as possible. We hope that these measures will be the difference between a 2-4 week emergency situation and a 12-16 week emergency situation, and

WHEREAS, Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government code provides that the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision may declare a state of local disaster; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Cameron County, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, and property and, additionally, including compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease.

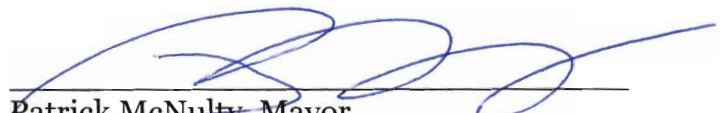
THEREFORE, the following are MANDATORY restrictions based on Texas Health and Safety Code Section 122.006, that a city can “adopt rules to protect the health of persons in a municipality” and in accordance with the City’s Declaration of a Local State of Disaster for Public Health Emergency issued on March 16, 2020

The following will be mandated at 5pm today:

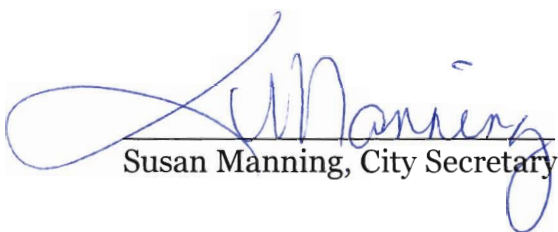
- Gatherings on the beach will be limited to 10 persons or less.
- Restaurants and bars will limit their seating by 50% of their current configuration, with a maximum of 50 patrons per dining room.
- Restaurants and Bars will have a minimum distance of 8 feet between tables.
- Restaurants and Bars must close by 10:00 pm until 6:00 am. Last Call is 9:45 pm.

- Restaurants will be allowed to designate a parking space for curbside delivery. Curbside (To Go) and drive thru food service is strongly encouraged and recommended.
- All dance floors, in bars and restaurants are closed. Live music of more than 2 persons and all DJ entertainment are not allowed.
- All Food truck permits will be suspended indefinitely.
- Any Restaurants that have buffet style service, must have a server at each station, there will be no self-service buffets.
- Hotels are required to completely sanitize all touch surfaces before check in for each individual rooms.
- All VRM are required to completely sanitize all touch areas within the unit and sanitize all glassware, plates, serving ware, silverware and cooking utensils.
- Disposable Glassware must be used in place of reusable glassware at 5:00 pm on 3/19/20.
- Self Service drink dispensers are closed in ALL businesses.
- Straws of any type are not allowed.
- Condiments for beverages are not allowed.
- Table top/ self-service condiment stations are not allowed.
- Movie theaters and churches will limit audiences to less than 50 people and will institute social distancing of a minimum space of 6' apart.
- Gas Stations must sanitize the self-service portions of the equipment at a minimum every hour, preferably after each service. Sanitizer must be available at the pumps.
- The Island Metro must restrict the available ridership by 50% of the available seats and will institute social distancing between riders. The Island Metro will sanitize the bus before the start of any route.
- All beach/community port-a-potties will be closed until 2x a day cleaning and hand sanitizers are available.
- There will be no congregations or gatherings of more than 50 persons public or private.

The Peace Officers, City of South Padre Island Health Inspectors, Code Enforcement/Ordinance Officers/Inspectors are hereby authorized to enforce this order. A violation of this order is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500. in accordance with the City of South Padre Island Code of Ordinances.


 Patrick McNulty, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Susan Manning, City Secretary

