

**AN EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KOSSE EXTENDING
AND REVISING CITY OF KOSSE ORDINANCE**

Stay Home Stay Safe

DATE OF ISSUANCE: April 01, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Ordinance 0319-2020 was unanimously adopted by the City Council of the City of Kosse; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Ordinance declared a disaster and state of emergency in the City of Kosse and further set forth certain emergency provisions and certain health and safety recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Ordinance delegated to the Mayor of the City of Kosse ('Mayor') the sole authority to extend, on a week-to-week basis, the aforesaid provisions and recommendations, with such extension to be based upon a certain assessment that the facts and circumstances which gave rise to the disaster and emergency remain extant, and

WHEREAS, on **March 24, 2020**, the Mayor issued an Emergency Proclamation extending the emergency provisions and health and safety recommendations contained within Ordinance 0319-2020; and

WHEREAS, a careful and considered assessment of the facts and circumstances extant in the current emergency has resulted in a decision that additional restrictive measures are in the best interest of public health and public safety;

THEREFORE, Ordinance 0319-2020 is hereby REVISED AND EXTENDED as follows:

Summary: The virus that causes 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) is easily transmitted through person to person contact, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety. Because of the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, and the need to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, this Order requires all individuals anywhere in the City of Kosse to shelter in place – that is, stay at home-except for certain essential activities and work to provide essential business and government services or perform essential public infrastructure construction, including housing. This Order takes effect at 11:59 p.m. on **April 02, 2020** and will continue through 11:59 p.m. on **April 8, 2020**, subject to the limited exceptions and under the terms and conditions more particularly set forth below.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108, THE MAYOR ORDERS:

1. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on April 02, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 8, 2020, and reevaluated and extended as necessary:

(a) All individuals currently living within the City of Kosse are ordered to shelter at their place of residence. For the purposes of this Order, residences include hotels, motels, shared rentals, and similar facilities. 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. All persons may leave their residences only for Essential Activities, or to provide or perform Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses, all as defined in Section 2.

(b) All businesses operating within the City of Kosse, except Essential Businesses as defined in below in Section 2, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the City. For clarity, businesses may continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e. working from home). To the greatest extent possible, all Essential Businesses shall comply with the Social Distancing Guidelines attached, including maintaining six-foot social distancing for both employees and the general public.

(c) All public or private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, except as otherwise provided herein. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.

(d) Restaurants with or without drive-in or drive-through services and microbreweries, micro-distilleries, or wineries may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-through services as allowed by law.

(e) Religious and worship services may only be provided by video and teleconference. Religious institutions must limit in-person staff to ten (10) people or less when preparing for or conducting video or teleconference services, and all individuals must follow the Social Distancing Guidelines including the six-foot social distancing.

(f) All elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures are prohibited anywhere in the City of Kosse. Hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, dental offices, and other medical facilities are directed to identify procedures that are deemed "elective" by assessing which procedures can be postponed or cancelled based on patient risk considering the emergency need for redirection of resources to COVID-19 response.

(g) All travel, except essential travel and essential activities, as defined below is prohibited. Travel to and from work, to stores for supplies and food, to perform essential government functions and to care for family in another home will be allowed. Non-essential travel will not be allowed and may lead to violation.

2. Definitions:

a. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following “Essential Activities”:

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

ii. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others (for example, food, pet supply, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences. Leaving the home for supplies, food, etc. shall be performed by one member of the family, or one adult and his/her children if childcare is not available at the residence.

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

iv. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order.

v. To care for a family member or pet in another household.

b. For purposes of this Order, “Essential Businesses” means:

i. **Essential Healthcare Operations.** Healthcare operations, including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, mental health providers, substance abuse service providers, blood banks, medical research, laboratory services, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. Home-based and residential-based care for seniors, adults, or children are also considered healthcare operations. Healthcare operations also includes veterinary care and all health and welfare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be viewed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare. Healthcare operations do not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities. Healthcare operations do not include elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures as established in accordance with Subsection 1(f) of this Order.

ii. **Essential Government Functions.** All services provided the City of Kosse needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. All first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel, and others who need to perform essential services are categorically exempt from this Order for the purposes of fulfilling their duties. Further, nothing in this Order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing "Essential Governmental Functions," as determined by the City. The Mayor shall identify and designate appropriate employees or contractors to continue providing and carrying out any Essential Governmental Functions. All Essential Governmental Functions shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section, to the greatest extent possible.

iii. **Essential Critical Infrastructure.** Work necessary to the operations and maintenance of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors as identified by the National Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) including public works construction, residential and commercial construction, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), financial institutions, defense and national security-related operations, essential manufacturing operations provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet, to the extent possible. Essential Businesses providing essential infrastructure should implement screening precautions to protect employees and all activity shall be performed in compliance with social distancing guidelines attached.

iv. **Essential Retail.** Food service providers, including grocery stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, gas stations and convenience stores, farmers' markets that sell food products and household staples. Food cultivation, including farming, fishing, and livestock. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out. Schools and other entities that typically provide free services to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away basis only. The restriction of delivery or carry out does not apply to cafes and restaurants located within hospital and medical facilities. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers. Gas stations, auto-supply, auto and bicycle repair, hardware stores, and related facilities. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home.

Note: Patrons may not wait inside a restaurant for their food orders. If there is a line or gathering of persons (outside of their vehicles) waiting to be served, this places everyone in the line or gathering at a higher risk of transmission of COVID-19. Restaurants are urged to create a system that does not involve such lines or gatherings of people waiting to order or waiting to receive their order. For example, a system where the customers call in their order and stay in or at their vehicles until notified that their order is ready---with only one customer at the transaction point at a time, or other methods that assure that the purposes of this Order and Declaration are

served is necessary. If lines cannot be avoided, it shall be the restaurant management's responsibility to assure that safe Social Distancing is practiced and people are at least six feet from each other at all times. This also applies to food trucks.

v. **Providers of Basic Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations.** Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals.

vi. **Essential Services Necessary to Maintain Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses.** Trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal, mail and shipping services, building cleaning, maintenance and security, warehouse/distribution and fulfillment, storage for essential businesses, funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences and Essential Businesses. Professional services, such as legal, insurance and accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with support or supplies needed to operate.

vii. **News Media. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.**

viii. **Childcare Services. Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted.**

3. Any manufacturer who retools so that a substantial part of their business is for the purpose of manufacturing and producing ventilators may apply for an "essential business" exemption under this Order.

4. Due to increased demand for bath or toilet tissue resulting from stock up buying and individuals who purchase for resale, a mandatory limit on toilet paper sales is instituted until the supply chain meets the demand or two weeks, whichever comes first. All sales of bath or toilet tissue occurring in the City of Kosse are limited to the greater of: (a) twelve (12) rolls per purchase or (b) one (1) package per purchase UNLESS an individual vendor determines a LOWER limit is required to maintain adequate stockage and such vendor is authorized by this order to further limit purchases as described herein.

5. If someone in a household has tested positive for coronavirus, the household is ordered to isolate at home. Members of the household cannot go to work, school, or any other community function, and must stay within their home at all times. Food and supplies are to be obtained by contact city hall at 254-375-2212. If food or supplies are to be furnished by a family member or friend, the supplies are to be left outside without making contact with isolated persons.

6. Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities are instructed by this order to prohibit non-essential visitors from accessing their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or

for end-of-life visitation. Further, these facilities may impose more stringent visitation requirements, as needed, to protect these facilities as determined by the facility director or other competent authority.


7. Additionally, the Mayor instructs any employee who is sick to remain at home. Employees of the City of Kosse who are sick will be paid under the provisions for Emergency Paid Sick Time, in the event they are required to remain at home, during the duration of this emergency.

8. Violation of any element contained within this Order shall be deemed as a violation of Ordinance 0319-2020 and an imminent threat to public health and safety. Violation of this order is a class C misdemeanor with a penalty of no less than \$500.00 and no more than \$1,000.00, confinement in jail for up to 180 days or both, and each day a violation exists shall be a separate offense. Further, this Order also hereby authorizes the use of any lawfully available enforcement tools.

9. **This Order shall be effective until 11:59 p.m. on April 08, 2020, or until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law.**

10. The City Secretary is directed to post a copy of this Order at City Hall and on the City website. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

ORDERED this 1st day of April 2020.


Jarrod J Eno
Mayor

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Filed with me, Christina Lockhart, City Secretary of the City of Kosse on this 1st day of April 2020 by Mayor Jarrod J Eno, whose signature I certify is true and genuine, with publication of the foregoing Order being effective the same date as the signing thereof.

City of Kosse Social Distancing Recommendations

1) Vulnerable Populations: Limit Outings

- Vulnerable populations include people who are:
 - 60 years old and older.
 - People with certain health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease and weakened immune systems.
- For vulnerable populations, don't go to gatherings unless it is essential. Stay home. Avoid people who are sick.

2) Workplace and Businesses: Minimize Exposure

- Suspend nonessential employee travel.
- Ensure employees practice social distancing and do not work within six feet of one another.
- Urge essential employees to stay home when they are sick and maximize flexibility in sick leave benefits.
- Do not require a doctor's note for employees who are sick.
- Maximize telecommuting options.
- Persons who need to be at work to provide essential services of great benefit to the community must take steps in their workplace to minimize risk.

3) Cancel Non-essential Events

- Cancel non-essential events.
- Do not attend any events or gatherings if sick.
- For events that aren't cancelled, we recommend:
 - Having hand washing capabilities, hand sanitizers and tissues available.
 - Frequently cleaning high touch surface areas like counter tops and hand rails.
 - Finding ways to implement social distancing.

4) Schools: Safety First

- Do not have your child attend school if sick.
- If you have a child with chronic health conditions, consult the child's doctor about school attendance.
- Schools should equip all classrooms with hand sanitizers and tissues.
- Recommend rescheduling or cancelling events that are not essential.
- Explore remote teaching and online options to continue learning.
- Schools should develop a plan for citywide school closures, and families should prepare for further closures.

5) Transit: Cleaning and Protection

- Increase cleaning of vehicles and high touch surface areas.

- Provide hand washing/hand sanitizers and tissues in stations and on vehicles.
- Ensure social distancing practices are implemented to the full extent possible.

6) Health Care Settings: Avoid as possible, protect the vulnerable

- Long-term care facilities should have a COVID-19 plan in accordance with CDC or state guidelines.
- Long-term care facilities should restrict all visitation except for certain compassionate care situations, such as end of life situations.
- The general public should avoid going to medical settings such as hospitals, nursing homes and long-term care facilities, even if you are not ill.
- If you are ill, call your health care provider ahead of time, and you may be able to be served by phone.
- Do not visit emergency rooms unless it is essential.
- Follow guidance and directions of all facilities.

7) Everyone: Do your part

The best way for all City of Kosse residents to reduce their risk of getting sick, as with seasonal colds or the flu, still applies to prevent COVID-19:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Try alternatives to shaking hands, like an elbow bump or wave.
- If you have recently returned from a country, state or region with ongoing COVID-19 infections, monitor your health and follow the instructions of public health officials and CDC guidance.
- There is no recommendation to wear masks at this time to prevent yourself from getting sick.

You can also prepare for the disruption caused by an outbreak. Preparedness actions include:

- Prepare to work from home if that is possible for your job, and your employer.
- Make sure you have a supply of all essential medications for your family.
- Prepare a child care plan if you or a caregiver are sick.
- Make arrangements about how your family will manage school closures.
- Plan for how you can care for a sick family member without getting sick yourself.
- Take care of each other and check in by phone with friends, family and neighbors that are vulnerable to serious illness or death if they get COVID-19.
- Keep common spaces clean to help maintain a healthy environment for you and others. Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned regularly with disinfecting sprays, wipes or common household cleaning products.