ORDINANCE

2020-06-11-0392

INDEFINITELY EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ISSUED ON THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020 BY MAYOR RON NIRENBERG TO CONTINUE ACTIVE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FOR COVID-19 CONTINGENCIES, UNLESS RESCINDED OR SUPERSEDED BY SUBSEQUENT ACTION

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WHEREAS, Mayor Ron Nirenberg declared a local state of disaster and public health emergency consistent with Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code (Texas Disaster Act of 1975) to address contingencies related to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency expires on June 11, 2020 unless extended by City Council; and

WHEREAS, extension of the Declaration will provide the City with the ability to continue to respond and address contingencies associated with COVID-19 as they may arise; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that the Declaration should be extended; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency issued by Mayor Ron Nirenberg on June 4, 2020, is extended and will remain in effect until rescinded or modified by City Council. A copy of the Declaration is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**.

SECTION 2. All previously expanded powers and authority provided to the City Manager, suspension and modification of ordinances, requirements for the reporting of testing results and other actions taken by City Council in preceding ordinances addressing COVID-19 response efforts remain in effect and will continue until the City Manager's determination that the City's response to the declared disaster and public health emergency has ended, or subsequent City Council action.

SECTION 3. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of these regulations or any application of them 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 these regulations.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is effective upon passage by eight affirmative votes; otherwise it is effective on the tenth day after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of June, 2020.

M A Y O R

Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tina Flores, Acting City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney

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City of San Antonio

City Council
June 11, 2020

Item: 4

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Briefing with possible action on the City's response and preparedness for COVID-19.

Councilmember Ana E. Sandoval made a motion to approve. Councilmember Manny Pelaez seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 11 Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage and Perry



8th Declaration
June 4, 2020

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DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY REGARDING COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the COVID-19 outbreak should be characterized as pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Greg Abbott, the Governor of the State of Texas, issued a proclamation that declared COVID-19 as an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Governor has issued multiple Executive Orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, the Governor issued an Executive Order generally opening all businesses in the state at 50% capacity; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the mayor is designated as the emergency management director of the City of San Antonio, and may exercise the powers granted to the governor on an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease, including isolation, surveillance, quarantine, or placement of persons under public health observation, including the provision of temporary housing or emergency shelters for persons misplaced or evacuated, request assistance from the governor of state resources, and access funds available for disaster relief and reimbursement at the state and federal level; and

WHEREAS, I, Ron Nirenberg, the Mayor of the City of San Antonio have determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

- 1. That the local state of disaster and public health emergency declared for the City of San Antonio remains in place until otherwise withdrawn or rescinded.
- 2. All prior Declarations, orders and emergency measures are superseded by this most recent Declaration.

- 3. By this Declaration, I declare the adoption of Executive Order GA-26 issued by Governor Greg Abbott dated June 3, 2020, and any subsequent orders by the Governor relating to the expanded opening of Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.
- 4. By this Declaration, I declare all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the incident, and authorize the City Manager to exercise all emergency powers as are available to address this emergency.
- 5. As Mayor, I reserve all other authority and powers conferred by state law to respond as necessary to this situation.
- 6. This Declaration shall be effective until 11:59 PM on June 11, 2020, unless extended by City Council.

ORDERED this 4th day of June, 2020.

MAYOR RON NIRENBERG City of San Antonio, Texas CITY OLERK

Declaration of Public Health Emergency Regarding COVID-19

CITY COUNCIL A SESSION – JUNE 11, 2020

ANDY SEGOVIA, CITY ATTORNEY



Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-26

Essentially opens nearly all Texas businesses to some extent but restrictions on gatherings remain.

- Issued June 3
- No longer a stay at home order
 - Gatherings limited to groups of ten or less
 - People over 65 are strongly encouraged to stay at home
- Briefed Council June 4

Eighth Declaration

- Mayor and County Judge revised their Orders on June 4
- Continues Declaration of Public Health Emergency
 - Required for potential reimbursements
- Adopts Governor's Executive Order GA-26 and any subsequent order by the Governor relating to the expanded opening of Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster

Council considering indefinite extension of City Emergency Order

May be rescinded by Council or replaced by new Declaration from Mayor