



EXHIBIT A

**SEVENTH ORDER OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF DENTON
DATE ISSUED: JUNE 26, 2020**

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. As the number of positive cases of COVID-19 continue to increase in the City of Denton, there is an immediate need to undertake the following measures described in this Order. This Order supersedes and replaces the Sixth Order of the City Council adopted on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 (Ordinance No. 20-1199).

PURSUANT TO THE PRIOR DECLARATION EXTENDED BY COUNCIL ON JUNE 23, 2020 AND THE AUTHORITY IN SECTION 9-22 OF THE DENTON CODE OF ORDINANCES AND SECTION 418.108 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY ORDERS:

1. This Order pertaining to a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency, originally enacted by the Mayor on March 13, 2020 and extended by Council pursuant to ordinance, supersedes and replaces the prior Orders of the Mayor and of Council. The Order shall take effect at 11:59 p.m. on June 26, 2020 and continue through 11:59 p.m. on August 31, 2020.
2. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on June 26, 2020:
 - a. It is recommended that all individuals currently living within the City of Denton stay at home or their current 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 non-household member when they are outside their residence.
 - b. All businesses operating within the City of Denton shall abide by the regulations set out in Gubernatorial Executive Order GA-28, signed by Governor Abbott on June 26, 2020, and as may be further amended. The restrictions and prohibitions of GA-28 are incorporated herein by reference as if set out fully herein. To the greatest extent possible, all business establishments shall comply with the Social Distancing Guidelines promulgated by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Texas DSHS, including maintaining six-foot social distancing for both employees and the general public.
 - c. All elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures shall comply with the requirements of Gubernatorial Executive Order GA-19, as may be amended.

3. This Order hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools found in Denton City Code, Chapter 9 (Emergency Management), state laws and gubernatorial orders, or federal laws.

4. This Order establishes as policy in accordance with City of Denton Code of Ordinances 2-28 the authority of the city manager to create standard operating procedures and administrative directives as necessary during the duration of the Declaration of Local Disaster associated with this Order, and any extensions thereof, to protect the safety of employees and the public, including adopting procedures and directives related to personnel, or to open, close, or otherwise alter the operation of facilities or services of the City of Denton.

5. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on June 26, 2020 (“Effective Date”) and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on August 4, 2020, unless extended, modified, or terminated early:

- a. From the Effective Date of this Order, all commercial and non-profit entities in the City of Denton providing goods or services directly to the public must develop and implement a health and safety policy (“Policy”) within five (5) calendar days. The Policy must require, at a minimum, that all employees and visitors to the entity’s business premises or other facilities wear face coverings that cover the nose and mouth when in an area or while performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public. The Policy may allow individuals with an operational need to remove a face covering so long as such operational needs are specifically addressed in the Policy. The Policy may also include the implementation of other mitigating measures designed to control and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 such as temperature checks or health screenings. The Policy must be posted conspicuously at or near all entrances of any commercial or non-profit entity in the City of Denton in clear view of any employees or members of the public entering the business. The requirement of a face covering does not apply if covering the nose and mouth poses a significant mental or physical health risk to the individual. If possible, a face shield is recommended to be worn in the event a face covering cannot be safely worn. The requirement of a face covering also does not apply when an individual is consuming a food or beverage or receiving a service where the wearing of a face covering would impair the performance of the service.
- b. Outdoor gatherings in excess of 100 people are prohibited unless specifically permitted by GA-28.
- c. In all public areas not subject to paragraph 5a, all people 10 years or older are strongly urged to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth where it is difficult to keep six feet away from other people or working in areas that involve proximity with coworkers. The CDC advises face coverings for people 2 years or older. Face coverings may include homemade masks, scarves, bandanas, or a handkerchief. City of Denton residents should continue to maintain social distancing of at least six feet while outside their home.
- d. Violations of Paragraph 5a may be enforced by Denton police officers, building enforcement officers, zoning compliance officers, or community improvement services officers. Violations of Paragraph 5a may be enforced in accordance with city ordinance.

6. Pursuant to Section 9-22 of the Code of Ordinances, the following measures are also hereby ordered continued as set forth herein:

- a. All City Committee, Commission, and Board meetings are suspended through the term of this order, with the following exceptions:
 - i. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall meet no more than twice per month;
 - ii. The Public Utilities Board shall meet no more than twice per month;
 - iii. The Civil Service Commission shall meet as needed; and
 - iv. Other boards and commissions shall meet only as necessary to consider time-sensitive items critical for the continued operation of the City and provision of services to the public.
- b. City Council meetings shall be rescheduled as posted and may be conducted in accordance with alternate measures as permitted by law;
- c. Only electronic purchasing submissions shall be accepted;
- d. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to make application for local, state, and federal assistance as necessary and/or applicable;
- e. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to accept on behalf of the City services, gifts, grants, equipment, supplies, and/or materials whether from private, nonprofit, or government sources;
- f. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to terminate or suspend any event that is or may negatively impact the health, safety, and welfare of persons within the City;
- g. The City Manager is authorized to approve individual purchases and sign contracts up to \$500,000.00 for general expenditures already budgeted or authorized by Section 7(k) of this Order;
- h. All City of Denton utility non-payment shut offs are suspended until 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2020 and no penalties for non-payment of utilities under Ordinances 19-2140, 19-2136, 19-2137, 19-2138, or 18-1494 shall accrue during the time period between March 13, 2020 and June 30, 2020, but non-payment shut offs and penalties for non-payment of utilities may occur beginning July 1, 2020; and
- i. The City Manager is given authority to expend those previously budgeted funds of up to \$100,000.00 as funding to the United Way of Denton County to assist individuals and families living in the City of Denton, who have experienced income or job loss directly resulting from COVID-19, in eviction avoidance;

- j. The City Manager is authorized to expend no more than One Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,150,000.00) total, including previously authorized funds, from the general fund reserve balance during this period to proceed with the necessary emergency responses and essential functions not already budgeted, which includes the previously authorized.
 - k. The City Manager is authorized to expend no more than the previously authorized Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the customer service fund reserve balance during this period to increase utility assistance funding for FY 2019-2020 to One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00).
 - l. All non-essential in-person court proceedings in the Municipal Court No. 1 of the City of Denton are postponed. All such proceedings will be rescheduled following the term of this Order. Court proceedings that may be conducted remotely may be held at their scheduled time or rescheduled during the term of this order if such proceeding has already been postponed. No fine, penalty, or punishment shall issue against a party because of the postponement ordered herein or by prior Order of Council. Municipal Court No. 1 shall continue to hear all proceedings deemed essential by the state Office of Court Administration, including search and arrest warrant requests, arraignments, criminal magistration proceedings, and requests for temporary restraining orders All court proceedings in the Municipal Court No. 1 of the City of Denton shall comply with the guidance and requirements promulgated by the state Office of Court Administration. In-person proceedings will recommence as provided by the Office of Court Administration and approved by the Regional Judge.
 - m. Due to increased demand for household products and groceries resulting from stock up buying and individuals who purchase for resale, retail suppliers shall use common sense rationing of household products and groceries that are in limited supply.
 - n. For business establishments that have more than fifty-one percent (51%) of their gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages, the City Manager is authorized to take the following actions:
 - 1. Temporarily extend City-issued food establishment permit expiration until July 31, 2020 without penalty for those set to expire prior to that date;
 - 2. Prorate the City food establishment permit fees for the current year from twelve (12) months down to seven (7) months; and
 - 3. Where such an establishment has already paid its permit fee for twelve (12) months, reimburse said establishment an amount to reflect a prorated seven (7) month rate.
 - o. The Parks and Recreation Reopening Plan ("Park Plan") and Public Library Reopening Plan ("Library Plan") previously adopted shall continue as adopted.
7. Copies of this Order shall be promptly provided to the City Secretary for filing and posting on the City's website and in other conspicuous places.

IT IS SO ORDERED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 20-1255



**Mayor Chris Watts
City of Denton**

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the above Notice was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Denton, Texas, on the 26th of June, 2020 at 5:10 p.m.



Rosa Rios, City Secretary