

**STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF ALPINE**

COUNTY OF BREWSTER

ORDINANCE 2020-03-06

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE INSTITUTTING EMERGENCY MEASURES DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; PENALTY AS PROVIDED HEREIN

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS THAT:

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency measures be taken pursuant to the Executive Order of the Governor Relating to Emergency Management; therefore, the following regulations shall take effect immediately upon issuance, and shall remain in effect until the state of disaster is terminated:

AND BE IT FURHTER ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE TEXAS THAT:

That the following is hereby in effect:

1. STATE AND FEDERAL GUIDANCE

The City authorizes the Emergency Management Director or designee to update, restrict and promulgate regulations necessary to comply with Federal, State, Local authorities' guidance in relation to COVID-19.

2. CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- a) Unless required by State Law, all City boards and commission meetings are suspended while this ordinance is in effect.
- b) Any boards and commissions that must meet pursuant to State Law, should meet pursuant to the means allowed by the Texas Attorney General and institute best practices with regards to social distancing.

3. HOTELS, MOTELS, AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS

a) All hotels, motels, short-term rentals, and all short-term rental activities and businesses are hereby ordered to cease operations as of 12:00 noon on March 22, 2020 until 12:00 noon on April 6, 2020. Hotels, motels, and short-term rentals can be utilized ONLY for customers that are active military, law enforcement, national reserve, permanent residents residing in hotels and motels, "emergency services personnel to support City, County, State, SRSU, school district operations and healthcare professionals" during this time period.

4. PENALTIES

- a) These regulations shall have effect of ordinances when duly filed with the City Secretary.
- b) A person who violates any provision of these regulations, upon conviction, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00)

5. EMERGENCY

This emergency ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and publication and it is accordingly so ordained. This ordinance shall remain in effect for 30 days, unless re-enacted in accordance with the City Charter section 3.10 or until state of disaster is terminated, whichever is sooner.

6. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

It is hereby declared to be intention of the City Council that the phrases, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance severable. If any part of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutionally by the valid judgement or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionally shall not affect the remaining phrases, sentences, paragraphs and sections.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY 20th OF MARCH 2020 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS.



**Andres "Andy" Ramos, Mayor
City of Alpine**

ATTEST:



**Cynthia Salas, City Secretary
City of Alpine**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**Rod Ponton, City Attorney
City of Alpine**