



County of Andrews

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Andrews County Disaster Declaration Directive #3 – Clarification

CLARIFICATION – DIRECTIVE #3

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code §418.108 and in accordance with the authority granted the Mayor by the City Council in Resolution 718, the Andrews County Judge and Mayor of the City of Andrews executed Directive #3 on April 4, 2020, taking additional steps to respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Andrews and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-14 adding to and superseding Executive Order GA-08, further defining social distancing requirements, essential businesses and services, clarifying religious institutions as essential, affirming the closure of certain businesses, extending school closures until May 4, 2020 and superseding conflicting municipal orders; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and the Attorney General of the State of Texas provided joint guidance regarding the effect of Executive Order GA 14 on religious services conducted in congregations and houses of worship on April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to the issuance of Executive Order GA-14 and the joint guidance provided by the Governor and Attorney General of the State of Texas, it is necessary to clarify Directive #3 as it relates to religious institutions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND CLARIFIED BY ANDREWS COUNTY JUDGE CHARLIE FALCON AND CITY OF ANDREWS MAYOR FLORA BRALY:

1. **THAT** Section 1.3.E. of the Andrews County Disaster Declaration Directive #3 is hereby replaced with the following in accordance with Executive Order GA-14:

- e. Religious services conducted in churches, congregations and houses of worship are considered essential. Religious institutions, churches and places of worship, if capable, must conduct their activities including their services from home or through remote audio or video services. For example, a church may hold services in its parking lot, with attendees remaining in their cars (windows down), parked every other parking spot, with the minister using amplification to preach. Or a house of worship may, according to their faith practices, provide communion or a blessing through a similar drive-up service. In the event, and only in the event religious services cannot be conducted from home or through remote services, religious services may be conducted at the religious institution, church or place of worship but all religious services must be conducted consistent with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation, and by implementing social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Religious institutions, churches and places of worship will remain open for the purpose of allowing staff and employees to perform those functions necessary for the

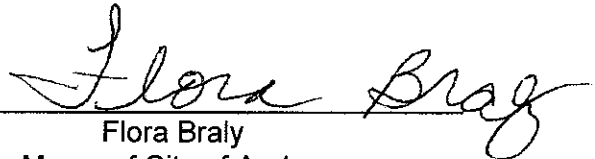
production of the remote delivery of religious services or necessary to support online, telephone, email and other services. All staff and employees are required to adhere to federal and CDC guidelines, including affirmative steps to ensure that social distancing of 6 feet is maintained. **These restrictions do not violate the religious liberty of houses of worship.**

2. **THAT** this clarification of Directive #3 shall go into effect immediately upon execution and Directive #3, as clarified, shall continue until 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2020 or until it is rescinded, superseded or amended pursuant to applicable law.

ISSUED this the 7th day of April, 2020.



Charlie Falcon
Andrews County Judge



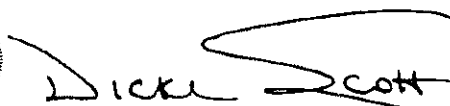
Flora Braly
Mayor of City of Andrews

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ANDREWS**

I hereby certify that this instrument was FILED on the date and the time stamped hereon by me and was duly RECORDED in the OPR Records of Andrews, Texas.

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Vicki Scott, County Clerk
Andrews, Texas