

ORDER CLOSING CERTAIN PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, PLAYSCAPES, POOLS,
SPLASH PADS, PAVILIONS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT AND
DRINKING WATER FOUNTAINS

UNDER DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
CITY OF CEDAR PARK, TEXAS

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, shortness of breath, and outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness and, in some cases, death; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and advised countries to prepare for the containment, including active surveillance, early detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing, and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 5, 2020, the WHO Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 6, 2020, the Travis County Judge issued a Declaration of Disaster due to Public Health Emergency and issued an Order prohibiting public and private community gatherings of two thousand five hundred (2,500) or more persons; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 6, 2020, the adjacent City of Austin’s Mayor issued a Declaration of Disaster due to Public Health Emergency and issued an Order canceling the annual South by Southwest (SXSW) Conference & Festival; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, the Travis County Commissioners Court extended the Declaration of Disaster due to Public Health Emergency indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, the WHO declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster in Texas due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a Proclamation declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 14, 2020, the Williamson County Judge issued an Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster for Williamson County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 14, 2020, the Travis County Judge issued an Order prohibiting public and private community gatherings of two hundred fifty (250) or more persons; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, March 15, 2020, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) recommended canceling all events of 50 or more people; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, March 16, 2020, the Williamson County Judge issued an Order banning large events and mass gatherings of fifty (50) or more persons, with significant exceptions; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, March 16, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas said at a San Antonio press conference, “You’re going to see an exponential increase in the number of people who test positive on a daily basis. People just need to prepare, and not be shocked, for the mathematical reality.”; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Mayor of Cedar Park declared a Local State of Disaster for the City of Cedar Park, Texas, and on March 22, 2020, this declaration was extended with consent of the City of Cedar Park City Council; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 the Governor of the State of Texas issued an executive order limiting public gatherings to ten people; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, the Travis County Judge issued a second Order restricting gatherings for Travis County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the growing number of COVID-19 cases that have spread into the United States, including at least 33,404 confirmed cases and 400 deaths in the US and more than 507 confirmed cases and 7 deaths in Texas, based on best available information; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 remains on touched surfaces for hours and, in the case of some types of surfaces, for days—and spreads between people touching those surfaces; and

WHEREAS, people touching playground equipment, playscapes, and exercise equipment creates an environment that increases the likelihood of the spread of COVID-19 and such activities should be halted during this Local State of Disaster.

WHEREAS, gatherings of unidentifiable individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection poses a risk of the spread of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and

WHEREAS, Article 5.07 Emergency and Disaster Management of the City of Cedar Park Code of Ordinances provides that the Mayor shall hold the office of emergency management director of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, as emergency management director, may declare a local state of disaster and issue all necessary proclamations, regulations, or directives which are necessary for carrying out the purposes of the City's emergency management plan; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of Local State of Disaster includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, mitigate the risk, and promote the health and safety of the residents of the City of Cedar Park; and

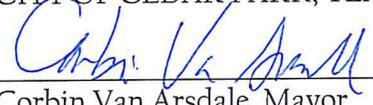
WHEREAS, the City of Cedar Park will work collaboratively with Williamson and Travis Counties to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to prevent and limit the development, contraction, and spread of COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CEDAR PARK, TEXAS:

1. That all public, semi-public, and homeowner association owned and/or operated playground equipment, playscapes, pools, splash pads, pavilions, exercise equipment, and drinking water fountains within the City of Cedar Park, Texas are hereby closed.
2. That this order shall take effect at 7~~00~~ am/pm on the 24~~th~~ day of March, 2020 and shall continue until termination of either of the following: (a) this Order or (b) the Declaration of Local State of Disaster for the City of Cedar Park, Texas.

ORDERED this 23~~rd~~ day of March, 2020.

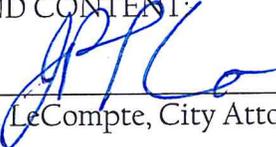
CITY OF CEDAR PARK, TEXAS


Corbin Van Arsdale, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jill Hoffman, Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CONTENT:


J.P. LeCompte, City Attorney