



## JEFFERSON COUNTY

### **ADDENDUM 8 TO JUDGE JEFF BRANICK'S SEVENTH AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER**

Jefferson County Judge Jeff Branick issued his Seventh Amended Emergency Order which became effective immediately at 12:49 p.m. on March 27, 2020 with five prior separate addenda thereto.

The following Orders are hereby incorporated into Judge Jeff Branick's Seventh Amended Emergency Order:

**WHEREAS**, Governor Abbott issued an additional Executive Order (GA 14), pursuant to his authority under Section 418.014, Texas Government Code regarding the imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State which is posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) declaring that this Governor's Order is to be effective at 12:01 April 2, 2020 and continuing through April 30, 2020, subject to extension or amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Orders of the Governor supersede authority of the County Judge, Jeff R. Branick, as the Jefferson County Directory of Emergency Management, pursuant to Section 418.108, Texas Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Abbott ordered that "except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services, direct that we are to minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact people who are not in the same household and that in providing or obtaining essential services, people and businesses should follow the Guidelines from the President and the Centers for Disease Control implementing social distancing and sanitation and cleanliness protocols; and

**NOW, THEREFORE I, JEFF R. BRANICK, COUNTY JUDGE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 418, AND IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 HEREBY FURTHER ORDER:**

WHEREAS, I previously ordered that outdoor burning, with exceptions, was prohibited, I am rescinding the ban on outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Jefferson County, provided that those who are conducting the burns can do so safely and with proper equipment and water on hand to prevent the fire from spreading out of control.

WHEREAS, dog grooming was previously prohibited as an unessential business, I am now Ordering that animal groomers may resume operations, provided they:

1. Conduct interaction with animal owners to maintain safe distancing protocols, as outlined in the Seventh Emergency Order and require delivery of the animal effected outside of the place of business; and
2. Payment for services can be made in a form other than cash; and
3. Arrange to provide services by appointment so that no more than one animal will be present in the place of business at any time; and
4. Thoroughly sanitize equipment between each use; and
5. Require that the animal be returned to the owner outside the place of business.

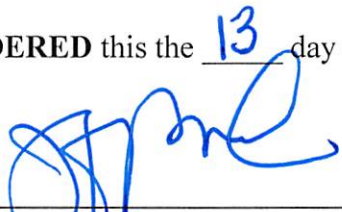
The penalty for violating any portion of these Emergency Orders shall be punishable by a fine that does not exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for confinement in jail for a period that does not exceed 18 months.

I AM HEREBY ORDERING THAT ALL ORDERS CONTAINED IN THE SEVENTH EMERGENCY ORDER AND ALL PRIOR ADDENDA AND THIS ADDENDUM THERETO SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL 11:59 p.m. May 1, 2020 unless otherwise amended or terminated.

If you have any questions **regarding** this you may call Fred Jackson at 409-835-8466 or Davilyn Walston at 409-835-8757

This addendum to Judge Jeff Branick's Seventh Amended Emergency Order becomes effective on the date and time executed and shall be strictly observed and enforced as if incorporated fully into that Emergency Order.

**ORDERED** this the 13 day of April, 2020, at 3:00P.M.

  
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Jeff R. Branick  
County Judge