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November 27, 2019

JEFFERSON COUNTY CURFEW ORDER

I, Jeff R. Branick, County Judge, pursuant to the Disaster Declaration of November 27, 2019 and the authority granted me in Sec. 418.108 (f) and (g), Local Government Code, do hereby enter this mandatory curfew order for all persons the areas of Jefferson County, Texas:

Those areas within a 4 mile radius of the TPC facility in Port Neches, TX that includes the cities of Port Neches, Groves, Nederland and the northern part of Port Arthur bounded by:

The intersection of Sunken Court at Twin City Highway to St. Catherine's Church, on Woodrow Blvd., thence to the Port Arthur Civic Center and including the areas of Beauxart Gardens and Central Gardens.

This Order is to be effective November 27, 2019 at 4:45 p.m. Any violation of this Order shall be punishable as a Class C misdemeanor. This Order shall remain in effect until terminated.

During this curfew it will be unlawful for any person to be outside the confines of his residence property or exempt areas between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. until this Order is terminated except as allowed by exemptions herein.

Persons who are exempted:

- (1) Persons involved in an "EMERGENCY" which means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that call for immediate action. The term includes, but is not limited to, a fire, natural disaster, and automobile accident, or any situation requiring immediate action to prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life;
- (2) Persons involved in interstate travel and persons traveling to or from an airport and who are in possession of a boarding pass for a flight from that airport;

(3) Persons engaged in an employment activity, or going to or returning home from employment activity, without any detour or stop;

(4) Persons authorized by the Emergency Management Director to assist in the protection of the health, safety or welfare of the public;

(5) Those employees of utility companies, utility contractors, debris removal contractors, construction contractors and their support personnel who are essential for and who are actively involved in the repair of utility infrastructure and the restoration of electrical service, water, and sewer service. This exemption applies only during times such employees are actively engaged in their work and in traveling to and from work without any detour or stop;

(6) Those employees of oil terminals, pipelines and oil supply facilities that are essential for and are actively involved in the transportation and receiving of oil and supplies to Jefferson County refining and petrochemical facilities and such other employees that are necessary for said operations. This exemption applies only during times such employees are actively engaged in their work and in traveling to and from work without any detour or stop.

(7) Those employees of hospitals, trauma centers, nursing homes, convalescent facilities or other healthcare providers who are essential for and who are actively involved in providing medical treatment and/or housing for persons who are ill or infirm and who are not evacuated.

3. Those employees of Federal, State, and Local Governments, Political Subdivisions, and Special Purpose Districts who are deemed essential by their employer.

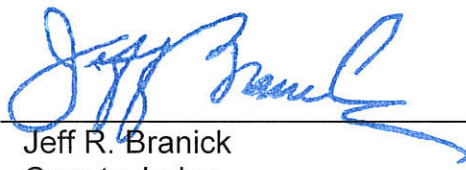
Enforcement:

Before taking any enforcement action under this section, a law enforcement officer shall ask the apparent offender's reason for being away from his residence. The officer shall not issue a citation or make an arrest under this section unless the officer reasonably believes that an offense has occurred and that, based on any response and other circumstances, no exemption applies.

Penalties:

A person who violates this Order is subject to immediate arrest. A person who violates this Order is guilty of a separate offense for each day or part of a day during which a violation is committed or continued. Each offense, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

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