

2022 FEB 1 AM 11:05

**FOURTH EXTENSION OF
FIRST AMENDMENT TO ORDER NO. 17
BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF EL PASO, TEXAS**

DELIA BRIONES
COUNTY CLERK
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

DATE ORDER ISSUED: February 1, 2022

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2021, in response to Governor Abbott’s restrictions on county and government officials, I issued County Order No. 17 which calls on each El Pasoan to save lives and avoid setback by wearing a face covering and maintaining social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2021, the Texas Supreme Court issued Emergency Order No. 38 (“SC-38”), which authorized the chief justice of the court of appeals and the local administrative district judge to adopt minimum standard health protocols in order to resume in-person court-proceedings; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2021, Judge Linda Chew, local administrative district judge, issued the 2021 COVID-19 Minimum Health Standards Protocols for the El Paso County, Texas Judiciary; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2021, I issued the First Amendment to Order No. 17 (the “First Amendment”) to recognize and allow compliance with the Minimum Health Standards Protocols adopted by the local administrative judge; and

WHEREAS, since then, the Texas Supreme Court has issued Emergency Order No.’s 40, 43, 45, and 47 which continue to authorize the local administrative judge to adopt local plans and minimum standard health protocols; and

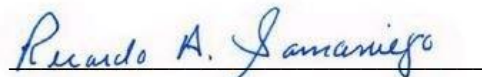
WHEREAS, to allow for continued compliance with the Minimum Health Standards Protocols adopted and amended by the local administrative judge, I hereby issue the Fourth Extension of the First Amendment to County Order No. 17 (the “Fourth Extension”).

NOW THEREFORE, I, COUNTY JUDGE FOR EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

1. County Judge Order. No. 17, as amended, which urges all El Pasoans to continue to wear a face covering and maintain social distancing, shall remain in full force and effect unless superseded by a conflicting local, state or federal law or order.
2. This Fourth Extension of the First Amendment to Order No. 17 shall incorporate by reference the 2021 COVID-19 Minimum Health Standards Protocols for the El Paso County, Texas Judiciary, as readopted and amended by the local administrative judge, and available at ElPasoJuryTrialProcedures.pdf (epcounty.com).
3. The Fourth Extension of the First Amendment to Order No. 17 shall remain in effect through April 1, 2022, unless amended, extended or terminated prior to such date.

ORDERED THIS 1st day of February, 2022.

COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS



Ricardo A. Samaniego,
El Paso County Judge