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ORDER NO. 3 BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

DATE ORDER ISSUED: March 13th 2020

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster was issued to allow the El Paso County to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of El Paso County residents; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, a Declaration of State of Disaster was issued by Governor Abbott to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus is contagious and spreads through person-to-person contact, especially in group settings; and

WHEREAS, the Centers on Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") recommends an "All of Community" approach focused on slowing the transmission of COVID-19 through social distancing to reduce illness and death, while minimizing social and economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, the following orders shall take effect immediately upon issuance, and shall remain in effect until the state of disaster is terminated.


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

SECTION 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the County Judge and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. The County is ordered to utilize all electronic and digital methods for conducting public and internal County meetings as much as possible. This includes meetings with consultants who would otherwise be coming in from out of town.

SECTION 3. El Paso County will post this Order on its website.

ORDERED this the 13th day of March 2020, in the County of El Paso, Texas.



Ricardo A. Samaniego
El Paso County Judge