

TWELFTH ORDER OF CITY OF LORENA MAYOR CHUCK ROPER

RELATED TO LOCAL DECLARATION OF DISASTER

DATE ORDER ISSUED: JULY 20, 2020

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Governor's Executive Order GA-29 issued July 2, 2020, facemasks can help slow the transmission of COVID-19 and are now required in counties with 20 or more active cases of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, McLennan County has more than 1,503 active cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this Order is issued based on evidence of increasing occurrence of COVID-19 within the City and throughout the Central Texas area, scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, and evidence that the age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of the City places it at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, and compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED BY CHUCK ROPER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LORENA, TEXAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108 THAT:

1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein and made findings of fact.
2. Due to the ongoing nature of this disaster, the City Council consents to continue the Mayor's Declaration of Local State of Disaster originally issued on March 18, 2020, and continuously maintained in effect since that date, and in hereby further extended by this Twelfth Order (the "Order").
3. Face Coverings Required.

Consistent with Executive Order GA-29 issued by Governor Abbott, every person in the City of Lorena shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth inside a commercial entity or other building or space open to the public, or when in an outdoor public space, wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household; provided, however, that this face-covering requirement does not apply to the following:

- a. any person younger than 10 years of age;
- b. any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
- c. any person while the person is consuming food or drink, or is seated at a restaurant to eat or