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La Marque COVID-19 Employee Interactions and Safety Policy Enacted La Marque City Manager Tink Jackson lays out policy for citizen interaction March 15

La Marque, Texas (March 16, 2020) - On March 13, 2020, La Marque Mayor Bobby Hocking signed a *Declaration of Local Disaster Due To Public Health Emergency*. Subsequently, the La Marque City Council in an Emergency Meeting unanimously passed an Ordinance Declaring a Public Health Emergency and voted to extend the declaration an additional 45 days after the original seven-day period.

The City of La Marque's paramount priority is the health, safety and welfare of our employees, citizens and those who visit our City. The City has been and will continue to work with public health and emergency management officials throughout the state, region and county to ensure our City remains prepared.

The following measures went into effect on Sunday, March 15, 2020:

- All City Council, City Board, City Commission and City Committee meetings are postponed until further notice.
- The doors to City Hall will remain closed until further notice. Utility bill payments will be accepted at the drive-thru, via online payment, via the drop box or the outdoor kiosk. There are no exceptions to this provision. No utility disconnects will occur during this public health emergency.
- The La Marque Public Library is closed to the public until further notice. The free Wi-Fi at the Library will remain functional for patrons to use from the parking lot.
- Any business that can be conducted online shall be until further notice. If in-person meetings are mandatory, city staff will strive to maintain a six-foot buffer between themselves and customers.
- Permitting of gatherings utilizing public facilities is suspended. Permits for the use of parks and city buildings for private events will resume after the emergency declaration is lifted.

It will take all of us working together, caring for each other, and doing our part to beat this virus. All of these actions are temporary. We are looking forward to

returning to the standard operating procedure when appropriate. In the interim, we must do all we can to protect each other.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call the Galveston County Health District COVID-19 Call Center at 409-938.7221, option 1. For information and resources, please visit:

- [CDC - Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
- [DSHS - Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
- [WHO - Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
- [CDC's Frequently Asked Questions on Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)

The City of La Marque will continue to publish updates as they become available. Please register for News Flash e-notifications and Connect CTY Emergency Alerts at connect.cityoflamarque.org and follow @cityoflamarque on social media.

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About the City of La Marque: The City of La Marque is in Galveston County, 15 miles south of Houston and four miles north of Galveston Island. La Marque is the second-fastest-growing city in the County with an estimated population of 16,700, an area of 14.25 square miles and boasting 14.3 miles of I-45 frontage—more than any other city in Galveston County. Citizens enjoy easy, breezy coastal living, abundant housing options and the security of a hurricane protection levee system. La Marque is a sportsman's paradise and offers access to world-class medical, travel and entertainment opportunities. Citizens and visitors enjoy Bayou Fest, a fall concert series and BBQ Cook-Off providing free family fun; Magical Winter Lights, a 52-day holiday lantern festival; and Crawfish Bash, an annual crawfish cook-off that earned a Guinness World Record in 2017. For business, La Marque offers prime I-45 frontage, creative incentives, an abundance of commercial property, a budding downtown revitalization and build-to-suit opportunities. La Marque is the Gateway to the Gulf and the Hub of the Mainland. Discover the possibilities at www.cityoflamarque.org.