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UPDATE ON LATEST OFFICIAL ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC.

Today at 2:00 p.m. Judge Nate McDonald, acting in his role as Emergency Management Director for the County of Matagorda, issued a county-wide Shelter in Place Order. This Order went into effect immediately and will remain in effect indefinitely.

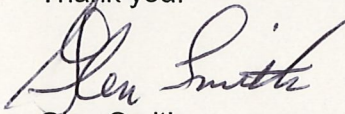
All citizens of Palacios are instructed to abide by this latest order and comply with its instructions. This Order is consistent with Governor Abbott's EO-GA-14 and does not restrict essential services allowed by EO-GA-14 or allow gatherings prohibited by EO-GA-14. This Order calls for each citizen to minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household and each person within the City of Palacios is instructed to stay at home except where necessary to provide or obtain "essential services" as defined by EO-GA-14 issued by Governor Abbott.

To quote the Governor's Order, "This executive order does not prohibit people from accessing essential services or engaging in essential daily activities such as going to the grocery store or gas station, providing or obtaining other essential services, visiting parks hunting or fishing, or engaging in physical activity like jogging or bicycling, so long as necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and to minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household."

I want to also emphasize that Palacios law enforcement officers are authorized to enforce this order to the extent of their authority under state and local law and that any person who violates the Governor's Order commits an offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$1000.00 and confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days.

In essence, the new Order issued by Matagorda County re-emphasizes the importance of complying with all State and Local directives as well as Federal CDC guidelines. The concept is simple, except for the accomplishment of obtaining or providing essential services, citizens are instructed to **STAY AT HOME** until further notice.

Thank you.



Glen Smith

Mayor