CITY OF ALLEN
EMERGENCY ORDER

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and,

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath and, in some cases, the virus has caused death; and,

WHEREAS, prudence dictates that extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Allen, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals and occupied structures and, additionally, including compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or occupied structures to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of the virus; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott and Collin County have declared a local disaster due to public health emergency; and,

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued March 16, 2020, the Mayor declared a state of disaster for public health emergency and,

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency measures be taken pursuant to the Executive Order of the Governor Relating to Emergency Management; now, therefore, the following regulations shall take effect immediately upon issuance, and shall remain in effect until the state of disaster is terminated:

1. This emergency order hereby orders that a restaurant with or without drive-in or drive through services; drive-in restaurant; drive-through restaurant; or microbrewery, micro-distillery, or winery may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-in or drive-through services as allowed by law.

2. This emergency order hereby orders the closure of a bar, lounge, or tavern; theater; gym; and private club.

3. It is recommended that gatherings be restricted throughout the City of Allen in accordance with guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

4. This emergency order goes into effect at 11:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020.

5. A person who violates any provision of these regulations, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars ($50) and not more than Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000) for each offense.

6. This order is effective through April 1, 2020.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 18th day of March 2020.

Stephen Terrell, MAYOR