CHAMBERS COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER – AMENDMENT 1 March 26, 2020

AMENDMENT 1 TO EXECUTIVE ORDER OF CHAMBERS COUNTY JUDGE STAY SAFE ORDER / EMERGENCY MEASURES

Whereas, on March 12, 2020, Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency to allow Chambers County to take protective measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of Chambers County residents in accordance with Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code; 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, on March 16, 2020, President Trump acknowledged the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic, releasing strict new guidelines to limit people's interactions, including that Americans should avoid groups of more than 10 people; and

Whereas, on March 17, 2020, the Chambers County Commissioners Court issued an Order at a Special Meeting of Commissioners Court approving the extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster declared by County Judge Jimmy Sylvia and signed on March 12, 2020; and

Whereas, on March 24, 2020, Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia issued an Executive Order enacting Emergency Measures in Chambers County; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, COUNTY JUDGE FOR CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER <u>AMENDMENT 1</u> TO THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED MARCH 24, 2020:

- Unless an individual requires assistance due to physical or medical needs, or is a parent of a child for whom there is no alternative care, only one member of a household may enter "Essential Retail Establishments" as defined in the March 24, 2020 Executive Order.
- 2. Pursuant to Annex U, Section V.A.6. of the Chambers County Emergency Operations Plan, and in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code § 418.173, any law enforcement agency based in Chambers County is hereby authorized to enforce this order and the failure to comply with this order is an offense punishable by a fine that does not exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.
- Chambers County will post this Order on its website. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged

to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

This Executive Order shall take effect IMMEDIATELY upon its issuance, ORDERED THIS 26th DAY OF March 2020.

Jimmy Sylvia County Judge Attest: Heather Hawthorne County Clerk