

## City of Rockport



**Honorable Mayor  
Patrick R. Rios**

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Rockport, TX 78382  
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## Aransas County



**Honorable Judge  
C.H. Burt Mills, Jr.**

Aransas County Court House  
2840 Highway 35 N.  
Rockport, TX 78382  
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## Town of Fulton



**Honorable Mayor  
Jimmy Kendrick**

City Hall  
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## **AMENDED ORDER TO STAY AT HOME**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Aransas County Judge C.H. Burt Mills, Jr issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 16, 2020, due to a novel corona virus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, the City of Rockport Mayor Patrick R. Rios issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 16, 2020, due to a novel corona virus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, the Town of Fulton Mayor Jimmy Kendrick issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 17, 2020, due to a novel corona virus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, President Donald 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;

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, the Aransas County Judge issued an Extension of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Aransas County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster until rescinded by order of the Commissioners' Court; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2020, the City Council of the City of Rockport issued an Extension of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Rockport Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster until rescinded by order of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, the Town Council of the Town of Fulton issued an Extension of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Fulton Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster until rescinded by order of the Town Council; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 27, 2020 and again May 5, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued orders to Re-Open Texas allowing for certain types of businesses to re-open with limited capacities and specific guidelines and restrictions.

**WHEREAS**, the on-going evaluation of circumstances related to the corona virus and the updated recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services warrant further Order.

**NOW THEREFORE, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108, ARANSAS COUNTY JUDGE, CITY OF ROCKPORT MAYOR, AND TOWN OF FULTON MAYOR ORDERS:**

1. Effective immediately and continuing through May 19, 2020:
  - (a) Every person in Texas shall, except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services or reopened services, minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household. People over the age of 65, however, are strongly encouraged to stay at home as much as possible; to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous 14 days; and, if leaving the home, to implement social distancing and to practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation.
  - (b) Every individual should practice social distancing of at least six feet with people who are not in the same household.
  - (c) All short-term rental locations can return to normal business as long as they are in compliance with CDC and Texas DHS guidelines.
  - (d) All Retailers, Restaurants, Movie Theaters, Libraries, Museums, Churches, and Offices operating within Aransas County, the city limits of Rockport, and the town limits of Fulton are allowed to open at 50% capacity as long as they are in compliance with Texas Governor Greg Abbott's GA-18 and Phase I of The Governor's Report to Open Texas.
  - (e) Texas Governor Greg Abbott's GA-19 allows elective medical, surgical and dental procedures to continue with at least 15% of the hospital's capacity for treatment of COVID-19 patients.
  - (f) Effective May 8, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., all cosmetology salons, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons/shops, and other establishments where licensed cosmetologists or barbers practice their trade, tanning salons, and swimming pools are allowed to open at 50% capacity as long as they are in compliance with Texas Governor Greg Abbott's GA-21.
  - (g) Effective May 18, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., all services provided by office workers in offices that operate at up to the greater of (i) five individuals, or (ii) 50 percent of the total office workforce, Manufacturing services, for facilities that operate at up to 50 percent of the total listed occupancy of the facility, and Gyms and exercise facilities and classes that operate at up to 50 percent of the total listed occupancy of the gym or exercise facility; provided, however, that locker rooms and shower facilities must remain closed, but restrooms may open as long as they are in compliance with Texas Governor Greg Abbott's GA-21.
  - (h) All public beaches, boat launches, boat ramps, bulkheads, docks, piers, and wharfs within the geographic boundaries of Aransas County, the city limits of Rockport, and the town limits of Fulton are now open.
  - (i) Beginning May 4, the Aransas County Courthouse opened to the public with certain limitations. Please visit the website for information. The offices of the City of Rockport and Town of Fulton will remain closed to the public.
  - (j) All City of Rockport parks are closed to the public. All Town of Fulton parks are open with limited equipment as a safety precaution.
  - (k) There is no curfew at this time.

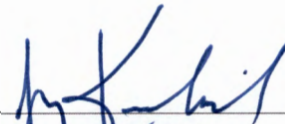
2. Due to the public health emergency, the Offices of the Aransas County Judge, hereby advises the Aransas County Justices of the Peace to suspend eviction hearing and writs of possession for at least the next sixty (60) days to prevent renters from being displaced, except as otherwise authorized by the Texas Supreme Court Order of March 19, 2020. Moreover, as authorized by the issuing court the Offices of the Aransas County Judge, Rockport Mayor, and Fulton Mayor hereby advises the Aransas County Sheriff, Rockport Police, and Fulton Police to suspend all extraditions for at least the next thirty (30) days to further deter the spread of the virus.
3. Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities are instructed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott to prohibit non-essential visitors from accessing their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or for end-of-life visitation.
4. Additionally, the Offices of the Aransas County Judge, Mayor of Rockport, and Mayor of Fulton, instructs all employees to remain at home if sick, and to promptly communicate with an appropriate health care professional.
5. This Order shall be effective through May 19, 2020, or until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law.
6. The County of Aransas, City of Rockport, and the Town of Fulton must promptly provide copies of this Order by posting in front of their respective posting locations, posting on their respective websites and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy. 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. 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.
7. This Order of Aransas County Judge C.H. Burt Mills, Jr., Rockport Mayor Patrick R. Rios, and Fulton Mayor Jimmy Kendrick applies to all incorporated and unincorporated areas of their respective County/City/Town. To the extent of a conflict between decisions of Aransas County Judge C.H. Burt Mills, Jr., and a Mayor of any city within the geographic boundaries of Aransas County, the decisions set forth in this Order prevail (to the fullest extent allowed by law pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(h)).
8. A violation of this Order to Stay At Home is a violation of the emergency management plans of Aransas County, the City of Rockport, and the Town of Fulton. A violation by any person of any provision of this Order to Stay At Home is punishable by a fine of up to \$500 per violation and separate day of violation, and additional amount as authorized by law. A second offense after warning in which intent to commit all elements of an act prohibited herein is proven may result in a fine of up to \$1,000 per violation or separate day of violation or up to 180 days in jail.



Mayor of Rockport  
Patrick R. Rios



Aransas County Judge  
C.H. Burt Mills, Jr.



Mayor of Fulton  
Jimmy Kendrick

**FILED**  
AT 3:51 P. M.

MAY 07 2020

**VALERIE K. AMASON**  
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS