

**City of Alpine**  
**Special City Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 29, 2020**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Alpine, Texas will hold a **Special Meeting at 5:30 P. M. on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 via Zoom Conference, in the City of Alpine, Texas.** Meeting login details may be found at [www.cityofalpine.com](http://www.cityofalpine.com) for the purpose of considering the attached agenda. This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act. (Section 551.043, Texas Government Code).

Members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to address the Council on any agenda item after determination of quorum and proof of notice of the meeting. Remarks will be limited to a total of 3 minutes per person. Please send your name on the chat list so we may call you in order. Please wait to be unmuted then state your name and address. If you have a petition or other information pertaining to your subject, please email it to the City Secretary beforehand. **State law generally prohibits the Council from discussing or taking any action on any issue not included on the agenda**, but, if appropriate, the Council may schedule the topic for future discussion or refer the matter to staff. **NO PERSONAL ATTACKS ON COUNCIL MEMBERS OR CITY STAFF WILL BE ALLOWED.** The Mayor and/or City Council Members may call a Point of Order to stop Personal Attacks. If an individual continues to personally attack an elected official or staff member in a meeting, they may be barred.

Agenda

1. Call to Order, and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Determination of a Quorum and Proof of Notice of City Council Meeting.
3. Public Comments – (limited to 3 minutes per person)
4. Presentation, Recognitions and Proclamations – (A. Ramos, ,Mayor) – None
5. Reports -
  - City Mayor's Report – (A. Ramos, Mayor) – None
  - City Attorney's Report – None
  - City Manager Report - None

City Staff Updates – None

6. Public Hearings - None

7. Consent Agenda – (Minutes, Financial reports, Department written reports, board appointments, etc.) – None

(Notice to the Public – The following items are of a routine and administrative nature. The Council has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.) - None

8. Information or Discussion items –

1. Update from Dr. Escovar (County Public Health Authority). (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

9. Action items to be accompanied by a brief statement of facts, including where funds are coming from, if applicable. (Action items limited to (up to 10 per meeting.) after being called upon by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem. Citizens are required to state their name and the Ward in which they reside. Priority will be given to citizens of Alpine and those who own businesses or property in the City. Individuals who do not live in, or own businesses or property in the City limits of Alpine, will be allowed to speak if there is time available.) –

1. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action if needed on amending Ordinance 2020-04-50, an Emergency Ordinance instituting Emergency measures due to a Public Health Emergency for the City of Alpine. (E. Zimmer, City Manager)

10. City Councilmember Comments and Answers – No discussion or action may take place.

11. Executive Session - Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (consultation with an attorney), 551.072(deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), and 551.086 (economic development) – None

NOTICE: The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on the posted agenda, above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with an attorney), 551.072(deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations),

551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), and 551.086 (economic development) -

12. Action – Executive Session – None

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Cynthia Salas, City Secretary  
City of Alpine

**City of Alpine COVID-19 Tiered Response Plan**

**MOVING UP A LEVEL:** Based on the Risk Assessment Criteria  
**MOVING DOWN A LEVEL:** Per federal guidelines: If ALL the following criteria are met: 1. Downward trajectory of COVID-19-like syndromic cases reported in the past 14-day period; 2. Downward trajectory of documented cases or percent of cases/population noted in the past 14-day period; 3. Local testing and hospital is not at max capacity

		Federal Reopening Phase 1			
		Federal Reopening Phase 2		Federal Reopening Phase 3	
		Level 0 - Baseline	Level 1 - Reduce	Level 2 - Restrict	Level 3 - Eliminate
<b>Risk Assessment Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No community spread cases of C-19 in the US.</li> <li>Threat of C-19 from travel still exists</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communities in US reporting confirmed community-spread C-19 cases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High risk of importing COVID-19 (cases from cities within 500 miles of Alpine (in both TX and NM)</li> <li>(Confirmed cases still exist in TX outside of the Tri-County Region.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High risk of importing COVID-19 (cases in surrounding high-travel routes, such as Ojinaga, Fort Stockton, Del Rio)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sporadic tri-county cases due to travel OR</li> <li>Tri-county isolated household transmission associated with imported cases</li> </ul>
<b>Individual Responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No restrictions on public interactions</li> <li>Physical distancing encouraged</li> <li>Stay home if feeling ill</li> <li>Strict and frequent hand-washing</li> <li>Limit touching mouth, nose, eyes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High-risk individuals strongly advised to minimize time spent in public spaces and gatherings; shelter-in-place</li> <li>Encourage wearing cloth masks in all public facilities/areas</li> <li>Plus Baseline Level measures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All individuals strongly advised to minimize time spent in public spaces</li> <li>Masks recommended in indoor public buildings (retail, government.)</li> <li>Plus Level 1-Prepare measures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Household gatherings only</li> <li>Plus Level 2-Reduce measures</li> <li>Masks recommended in indoor public buildings and outdoor public venues (parks, etc)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cloth mask wearing mandatory in public facilities/areas</li> <li>Plus Level 3- Restrict measures</li> </ul>
<b>Community Responsibilities &amp; Public Spaces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pools and public spaces open</li> <li>Events limited to 50 people occupancy</li> <li>Organized youth activities, sports teams/practices per regular schedule</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public spaces open</li> <li>Public Pools closed</li> <li>Strict physical distancing measures should be followed</li> <li>Community encouraged to remain local</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No gatherings over 10 persons allowed, all healthy and no travel outside of county in the last 2 weeks</li> <li>Temperature checks done on any public gatherings advisable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No gatherings outside of household members</li> <li>Curfew enacted</li> <li>Outdoor exercise allowed with household members only (social distance required from others)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain Level 3 - Restrict measures</li> </ul>
<b>Education &amp; Childcare Facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools &amp; Childcare facilities open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools and Childcare facilities open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educational facilities allow flexible teaching (those can work/educate from home will do so)</li> <li>Staggered classrooms (1/2 day of instruction for 50%/50%)</li> <li>Lunch in each room, common areas closed</li> <li>All educational institution sports &amp; extra-curricular activities suspended</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educational facilities closed</li> <li>School meals provided as to-go only</li> <li>Essential staff may work on-site while following physical distancing measures</li> <li>Childcare facilities open only for children of essential business and healthcare/first responder parents, with daily temperature checks for both staff and children, and no more than 5 children per individual room.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anyone returning from ANY areas with COVID-19 must enroll in a 14-day self-quarantine with plan for work from home/dorm</li> <li>Plus Level 3- Restrict measures</li> </ul>
<b>Travel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-essential travel allowed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discourage travel to urban areas</li> <li>Non-essential travel allowed, stay cautious of destinations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-essential travel strongly discouraged</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shelter-in-place</li> <li>Limit workforce to essential workers only</li> <li>Anyone returning from areas with community spread of COVID-19 must enroll in a 14-day self-quarantine with plan for work from home</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limit travel in/out of county for essential workforce (boarding provided for essential workforce at workforce site)</li> <li>Anyone returning from ANY areas with COVID-19 must enroll in a 14-day self-quarantine with plan for work from home/dorm</li> </ul>
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Border entry measures</li> <li>Enforced 14-day quarantine at designated facility for any entering region</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>48 hours between booking to allow for enhanced cleaning policies</li> <li>Public/common areas open at 75% capacity</li> <li>Social distance / limit gatherings to 50 people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hotels: Max 50% density of nonessential travelers</li> <li>Monitor guest &amp; staff contacts</li> <li>To-go breakfast bags only</li> <li>Screen all bookings for symptoms (based on phone questionnaire &amp; zipcode)</li> <li>Allow 96 hours between bookings for thorough cleaning</li> <li>Symptom screening of guests on-site</li> <li>Pools &amp; Self-Serve beverage areas closed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hotels: Max 25% density of nonessential travelers</li> <li>Public spaces closed</li> <li>No breakfast service</li> <li>Masks recommended in public areas for guests and staff</li> <li>No housekeeping during stay</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hotels/motels/short-term rentals closed for tourism</li> <li>Essential / emergency travelers only</li> <li>Stay in room/rental unit</li> <li>Nightly reports to APD</li> <li>Quarantine/isolation for travelers from COVID community spread areas (managers can refuse these essential workers)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing essential lodging only</li> <li>Hotels: Max 50% essential / emergency travelers</li> <li>Maintain Level 3-Restrict measures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing essential lodging only</li> <li>Maintain Level 3-Restrict measures</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restaurants/ Bars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>75% table density</li> <li>Social dist. recommended</li> <li>Enhanced cleaning policies</li> <li>2-week closure/quarantine if any staff test positive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bars: Closed</li> <li>Restaurants: Take-out only; curbside where available</li> <li>Limited entry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain Level 2 - Restrict measures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No-contact; curbside service only</li> <li>Masks required for staff &amp; customers</li> <li>Credit cards only</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restaurants are essential services.</li> <li>Maintain Level 4 - Eliminate measures</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retail &amp; Other Local Businesses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unrestricted staffing of worksites</li> <li>Large venues can operate under limited physical distancing protocols (gatherings limited to 50 people)</li> <li>Gyms, Personal Service businesses (salons, etc) open at normal capacity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essential business move to 50% occupancy</li> <li>Construction to only allow one trade at a time on-site</li> <li>Gyms: Closed</li> <li>Retail/Personal Service Business: Allowed to be open (using 50% occupancy), but use discretion</li> <li>All businesses (essential or not) must post signage recommending mask usage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essential business move to 10% occupancy</li> <li>Senior hour of operation at all essential business facilities</li> <li>Non-essential businesses move to drive-through or curbside only</li> <li>Public/shared commercial vehicles to single occupancy only (work trucks/crews)</li> <li>Personal Service businesses: Closed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All essential businesses unable to go curbside or to-go must limit customer occupancy to no more than 10.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temperatures and symptoms checked at every workplace at beginning of shifts</li> <li>Curbside/delivery services only</li> </ul>

These Recommendations and Regulations are subject to change by State or County Executive Order.

This chart is progressive. All measures from lower levels are maintained at higher ones, except where they are explicitly changed.

STATE OF TEXAS  
CITY OF ALPINE

COUNTY OF BREWSTER

**ORDINANCE 2020-03-06**

**AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDINANCE INSTITUTING EMERGENCY MEASURES DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EXTENDING AMENDED ORDER TO ALIGN WITH BREWSTER COUNTY; PENALTY AS PROVIDED HEREIN**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19; 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; therefore, the following regulations shall take effect immediately upon issuance, and shall remain in effect until the state of disaster is terminated; and

**WHEREAS**, Brewster County has also adopted certain emergency measures on March 31, 2019 regarding COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alpine previously adopted Ordinance 2020-03-06, an emergency ordinance, which this ordinance extends and supplants.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alpine adopted a Tiered Response Matrix on April 21, 2020, providing risk assessments, response measures, and community guidelines in response to COVID-19.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS:**

That the following is hereby in effect:

**1. STATE AND FEDERAL GUIDANCE**

The City continues to authorize the Emergency Management Director or designee to update, restrict and promulgate regulations necessary to comply with Federal, State, Local authorities' guidance in relation to COVID-19.

**2. TIERED RESPONSE MATRIX**

The City adopts the official Tiered Response Matrix, attached heretofore as “Exhibit A.” Citizens are hereby required to abide by the community guidelines set forth in the Tiered Response Matrix.

### 3. CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- a) Unless required by State Law, all City boards and commission meetings are suspended while this ordinance is in effect.
- b) Any boards and commissions that must meet pursuant to State Law, should meet pursuant to the means allowed by the Texas Attorney General and institute best practices with regards to social distancing.

### 4. HOTELS, MOTELS, AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS

- a) All hotels, motels, short-term rentals, and all short-term rental activities and businesses may remain open, but ONLY for customers that are active military, law enforcement, national reserve, permanent residents residing in hotels and motels, emergency services personnel to support City, County, State, Federal, SRSU, school district operations, Government operations, and other providers of essential services as defined in Gov. Abbott/ State of Texas orders, during this time period.
- b) All hotels, motels, and short-term rentals must report their occupancy numbers to the Alpine Chief of Police on a daily basis.

### 5. STAY HOME, WORK SAFE

Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on April 7, 2020 and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020, all individuals currently living within the City of Alpine are required to stay at home at their place of residence. For the purposes of this ordinance, residences include hotels, motels, shared rentals, and similar facilities. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably as possible maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence. All persons may leave their residences only for Essential Activities, or to provide or perform Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses, all as defined below. All businesses operating within the City of Alpine, except Essential Businesses as defined in below are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the City. For clarity, businesses may continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e. working from home). To the greatest extent possible, all Essential Businesses shall comply with the Social Distancing Guidelines, including maintaining six-foot social distancing for employees and the general public.

### 6. NO PUBLIC OF PRIVATE GATHERINGS

All public or private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, except as otherwise provided herein. Nothing in this Ordinance prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.

## 7. TRAVEL

All travel, including, but not limited to, travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or public transit is prohibited, except for purposes of Essential Activities or to perform or obtain services from an Essential Business, Essential Governmental Function, or Critical infrastructure, as defined below.

## 8. ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES – For purposes of this Ordinance, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following Essential Activities:

- a) To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (for example, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a healthcare professional or obtaining supplies needed to work from home).
- b) To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others (for example, food, pet supplies, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain safety, sanitization, and essential operation of residences).
- c) To engage in outdoor recreational or fitness activity, provided the individuals comply with social distancing requirements of six feet (for example, walking, biking, hiking, or running).
- d) To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or Essential Governmental Functions, or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Ordinance.
- e) To care for a family member or pet in another household.
- f) To perform or obtain services from an Essential Business, or from an Essential Government Function, as defined in this Ordinance.
- g) To return home from or to another jurisdiction.

## 9. ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES – For purposes of this ordinance, “Essential Businesses” means:

- a) **Essential Healthcare Operations.** Healthcare operations, including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, mental health providers, substance abuse service providers, blood banks, medical research, laboratory services, or any related



and/or ancillary healthcare services. Home-based and residential-based care for seniors, adults, or children are also considered healthcare operations. Healthcare operations also includes veterinary care and all health and welfare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be viewed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare. Healthcare operations do not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities. Healthcare operations do not include elective medical surgical, dental, or scanning procedures.

- b) **Essential Critical Infrastructure.** Work necessary to the operations and maintenance of the critical infrastructure sectors, including public works construction, residential and commercial construction, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), financial institutions, defense and national security-related operations, essential government functions, essential manufacturing operations provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet, to the extent possible. Essential Businesses providing Essential Critical Infrastructure should implement precautions to protect employees and all activity shall be performed in compliance with social distancing guidelines attached hereto. Construction sites should limit site visitation to a single trade at one time in order to maintain social distancing standards.
- c) **Grocery Stores and Other Suppliers.** Grocery stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, liquor stores, gas stations and convenience stores, and/or farmers' markets that sell food products, household staples, office supplies, hardware (e.g. electrical, plumbing, etc.), or suppliers of Essential Businesses or Essential Government Functions. Business that provide products to those businesses, including farming, fishing, and livestock. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences.
- d) **Food Services.** Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out. Schools and other entities that typically provide free services to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away basis only. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences. The restriction of delivery or carry out does not apply to cafes and restaurants located within hospital and medical facilities, except that all activity shall be performed in compliance with social distancing guidelines attached hereto.
- e) **Providers of Basic Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations.** Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals.
- f) **Essential Services Necessary to Maintain Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses.** Trash and recycling collection, processing and

disposal., mail and shipping services, building cleaning, lawn and property maintenance and security, warehouse distribution and fulfillment, trucking, storage for essential businesses, funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries. Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with support or supplies needed to operate, including laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers. Firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers for purposes of safety and security.

- g) **News Media.** Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.
- h) **Childcare Services.** Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this ordinance to work as permitted. Except that the following practices shall be observed: Childcare must be carried out in groups of 10 or fewer children, each within the same group each day. Children shall not change from one group to another, and groups shall not comingle. If a facility cannot prevent comingling of more than one group of children, then that facility should limit its total number of children to 10. Unless necessitated by overriding health and safety considerations, childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children and not change groups.
- i) **Gas Stations and Businesses Needed for Transportation.** Gas stations, automobile dealerships, auto-manufacturing and assembly, auto-supply, auto repair, RV sales/repair, bicycle sales/repair, and other related facilities. To the greatest extent possible, interaction with the public should be provided outdoors or in open areas where social distancing may be maintained. Indoor activities should be limited to closing sales or other transactions.
- j) **Financial Institutions.** Banks and related financial institutions, consumer lenders, sales and finance lenders, credit unions insurance companies, appraisers, title companies and payroll and accounting services.
- k) **Critical Trades.** Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, pool cleaners, HVAC providers, sign companies, and other service providers only to the extent that services are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, Essential Businesses, Essential Government Functions, and Essential Critical Infrastructure, including but not limited to utilities such as electricity, gas, water and wastewater, and other public works. Critical Trades does not include discretionary maintenance or improvements.
- l) **Real Estate Services.** Services related to the marketing, sale, lease, or value of real estate, including but not limited to real estate brokers, title companies, surveyors, and/or appraisers, except that all activities shall be performed in compliance with social distancing of six feet per person.
- m) **Mail and Delivery Services.** Businesses providing mailing and shipping services,

including post office boxes.

- n) **Certain Educational Activities.** Educational functions, including those of public and private K12 schools, colleges, and universities for purposes of distance education, temporary closure or maintenance of facilities, performing critical research, or performing essential administrative functions, provided that compliance with social distancing of six feet per person is maintained to the greatest extent possible.
- o) **Transportation.** Airlines, taxis, UPRR, AMTRAK, and other private transportation providers (such as Uber and Lyft) that provide transportation services necessary for the performance of Essential Activities, Essential Businesses, Critical Infrastructure, and/or Essential Government Functions. Alpine-Casparis Municipal Airport shall remain open.
- p) **Home-Based Care and Services.** Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children, including caregivers who may travel to provide care.
- q) **Residential Facilities and Shelters.** Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, children and animals (including students who have no other option but to remain on campus at a lower or higher education institution).
- r) **Professional Services.** Professional services, such as legal services, accounting services, or insurance services, only to the extent that the activity has been ordered to continue by a state entity (such as Office of Court Administration), or to the extent that service can be provided in compliance with social distancing of six feet per person is maintained to the greatest extent possible.
- s) **Information Technology Services and Telecommunications Services.** IT and IT services and their essential services vendors, including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, web-based services, and critical manufacturing, as well as telecommunication sales and services, internet access and broadband/communications services.
- t) **Moving Services.** Businesses that provide residential and/or commercial moving services and necessary moving supplies.
- u) **Religious Services.** Religious and worship services may only be provided by video and teleconference. Religious institutions must limit in-person staff to ten (10) people or less when preparing for or conducting video or teleconference services, and all individuals must follow the Social Distancing Guidelines including the six-foot social distancing rule.
- v) **Funeral Services.** Funeral, mortuary, cremation, burial, cemetery, and related services, provided that social distancing of six feet per person is maintained to the greatest extent possible.

## 10. ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS

All services provided by local governments needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public shall continue. Further, nothing in this ordinance shall prohibit any individual from accessing "Essential Government Functions." Each government body shall determine its Essential Government Functions and identify employees and/or contractors necessary to the performance of those functions, including but not limited to support services such as Chambers of Commerce, non-profit support services and the like. To the extent feasible, all Essential Government Functions shall be performed in compliance with the social distancing of six feet per person is maintained. This Ordinance does not apply to the Federal, State or County Government.

## 11. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- a) **Quarantine.** If someone in a household has tested positive for COVID-19, the entire household is ordered to isolate at home. Members of the household cannot go to work, school, or any other community function. Any person who displays symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, shortness of breath, or dry cough should refrain from leaving home and call Big Bend Regional Medical Center, 432-837-3447.
- b) **Elder Care Facilities.** Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities are instructed by this ordinance to prohibit non-essential visitors from accessing their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or for end-of-life visitation.
- c) **Curfew.** Unless conducting or traveling to or from an Essential Activity, work at an Essential Business, or work at an Essential Governmental Function, members of the public shall remain at their residential properties between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

## 12. PENALTIES

- a) These regulations shall have effect of ordinances when duly filed with the City Secretary.
- b) A person who violates any provision of these regulations, upon conviction, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00)

## 13. EMERGENCY

This emergency ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and publication and it is accordingly so ordained. This ordinance shall remain in effect through April 30, 2020, or until state of disaster is terminated, whichever is sooner.

14. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

It is hereby declared to be intention of the City Council that the phrases, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance severable. If any part of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutionally by the valid judgement or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining phrases, sentences, paragraphs and sections.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2020 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS.**

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Andres "Andy" Ramos, Mayor  
City of Alpine

ATTEST:

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Cynthia Salas, City Secretary  
City of Alpine

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM:

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Rod Ponton, City Attorney  
City of Alpine