



SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

BY

THE COUNTY JUDGE OF TRAVIS COUNTY

**County Judge Order No 2020-17 Relating to Notices to Vacate, Eviction Proceedings
in response to COVID-19**

Whereas, on March 6, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster was issued by Travis County Judge Sarah Eckhardt to allow the County of Travis (“County” or “Travis County”), Texas to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of Travis County residents, 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, the COVID-19 virus is contagious and spreads through person-to-person contact, especially in group settings, and

Whereas, on June 26, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order GA-28 (“GA-28”), related to the reopening of services and business, with reduced occupancy limits and gathering restrictions for individuals and businesses, as well as continuing recommended health protocols and social distancing measures to attempt to mitigate increased transfer of COVID-19 associated with the expanding commercial and social interactions, and

Whereas, on July 2, 2020 Governor Abbott amended Executive Order GA-28 and issued Executive Order GA-29 (“Governor’s Orders”), setting forth further limitations on gatherings and occupancy limits and requiring certain health protocols, such as face coverings and social distancing measures to attempt to mitigate increased transfer of COVID-19, and

Whereas, the Governor’s Proclamation on July 2, 2020 also amended paragraphs 12 of GA-28 to state “except as provided in this executive order or in the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS, found at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus, people shall not be in groups larger than 10 and shall maintain six feet of social distancing from those not in their group”,

Whereas, on July 9, 2020, the County Judge issued Order 2020-14, effective July 11, 2020, prohibiting any gatherings in excess of 10 people and requiring face coverings, except as permitted by the Governor’s orders, and

Whereas, the Texas Supreme Court issued further orders in Eighteenth Emergency Order regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster, and provided that subject to constitutional limitations and stated exceptions in the order, all courts in Texas may in any case, civil or criminal, modify or suspend any and all deadlines and procedures, whether prescribed by statute, rule, or order, for a stated period

ending no later than September 30, 2020

Whereas, on July 22, 2020, the County Judge issued Order No 2020-15 Relating to Notices to Vacate, Eviction Proceedings, and this Order supplements Order No 2020-15, and

Whereas, on July 22, 2020, the Justices of the Peace in Travis County issued Sixth Modification of Standing Order regarding Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) (Order No 8), and based on disaster declarations of federal, state and Travis County governments, ordered that no eviction cases (residential or commercial) will be heard until September 30, 2020, except as provided in the order, and

Whereas, Dr Mark Escott, the interim health authority for Austin/Travis County, continues to encourage people to stay home, except when necessary and finds that the area still needs to increase testing, to maintain social distancing and hygiene, and to wear face coverings to provide for the safety of the public while businesses are reopening and when individuals are outside their household, and

Whereas, federal memorandum in the form of Executive Order No 13945 was issued on August 8, 2020, recognizing that those individuals dislocated from their homes may be unable to shelter in place and have more difficulty maintaining a routine of social distancing, that increased shared housing may lead to increased in-person interactions between older, high-risk individuals and their younger relatives and friends, that homeless shelter are particularly susceptible to outbreaks of COVID-19, and that evictions tend to disproportionately affect minorities, particularly African Americans and Latino As a result, and due to the expiration of the temporary moratorium on evictions imposed by the CARES Act which poses a significant risk of “an abnormally large wave of evictions,” all lawful measures to prevent residential evictions and foreclosures resulting from financial hardships caused by COVID-19 would be considered, and

Whereas, the County Judge has determined that extraordinary emergency measures must be taken to try and mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate a response to the public health threat,

Whereas, pursuant to Government Code section 418 108(g), a County Judge is authorized to control ingress and egress from a local disaster area, and control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in that disaster area,

Whereas, providing a notice to vacate, as the first step to an eviction proceeding, during the disaster period will destabilize the economy and will contribute to additional person-to-person contact, which will effectively undermine the measures taken in past emergencies orders by the County Judge, Mayor of the City of Austin, and Health Authority to combat and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and

Whereas, in order to comply with federal guidance, Governor Abbott's Executive Orders, and the County and City of Austin emergency orders, and to socially distance from others outside one's household, avoid person-to-person contact and take necessary precautions when doing so, individuals may be unable to work and may incur COVID-19 related expenses,

which may impact a tenant's ability to pay rent, fees, or other charges associated with the tenant's lease, and

Whereas, significant funds have been allocated to assist renters and landlords to mitigate financial burdens to both parties as indicated in the attached Basic Needs Services and Resources Brochure, and

Whereas, removing a tenant's property or excluding a tenant during the disaster period will contribute to additional person-to-person contact and increase the risk of spread

NOW THEREFORE, I, COUNTY JUDGE OF TRAVIS COUNTY, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER THAT

SECTION 1 That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the County Judge and made a part hereof for all purposes

SECTION 2 Effective immediately and continuing until September 30, 2020, unless terminated or modified by a subsequent Order, the County Judge deems it in the public interest to **PROHIBIT** the issuance of Notices to Vacate (as defined in Section 5, below) except where

(1) the actions of the tenant, or the tenant's household members or guests, pose an imminent threat of (a) physical harm to the property owner, the property owner's employees, or other tenants, including other tenants within the household, (b) criminal activity, or (c) property damage that interferes with the use of a dwelling that is occupied by other tenants, or

(2) an insured casualty loss such as fire, smoke, hail, explosion, or a similar cause creates a condition that makes the residential premises totally unusable

SECTION 3 Effective immediately and continuing until September 30, 2020, unless terminated or modified by a subsequent Order, the County Judge deems it in the public interest to **PROHIBIT** the removal of property or exclusion of a tenant by a property owner in the manners described in the applicable sections of the Texas Property Code

SECTION 4 Effective immediately and continuing until September 30, 2020, unless terminated or modified by a subsequent Order, the County Judge deems it in the public interest to **PROHIBIT** the seizure of a tenant's nonexempt property subject to a lien created under Texas Property Code Section 54 041

SECTION 5

a **"Issuance"** means any method of providing notice authorized by Texas Property Code Section 24 005

b "Notices to Vacate" means the notice to vacate required by Section 24 005 that must be provided prior to filing eviction suit

SECTION 6 That the Travis County Sheriff's Office, the Travis County Fire Marshal's Office, and other peace officers, are hereby authorized to enforce this Order. A violation of this order may be punishable through criminal or civil enforcement. A criminal violation of this order is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000. A criminal violation of this order may be enforced by issuing a citation to the person violating, that contains the name and address of the person charged, and the offense charged.

SECTION 7 The Travis County Clerk will post this Order on their 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 remainder of this Order and its application.

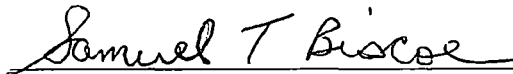
SECTION 8 Savings Clause If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

SECTION 9 This Order incorporates by reference the following:

Exhibit A List of Cities and Municipalities Within Travis County Jurisdiction Covered by this Order

Exhibit B Brochure

ORDERED this the 24th day of August, 2020, in the County of Travis, Texas



County Judge
County of Travis, Texas

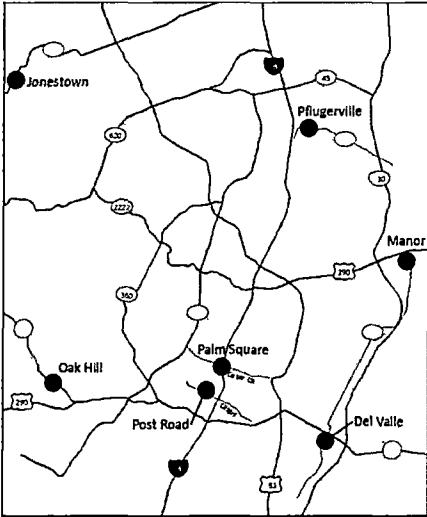
Filed with the Clerk of Travis County, this 24th day of August, 2020



Dana, DeBeauvoir, County Clerk

**Exhibit A List of Cities and Municipalities within Travis County
Jurisdiction covered by the Order**

- City of Austin
- City of Bee Cave
- City of Cedar Park
- City of Creedmoor
- City of Elgin
- City of Jonestown
- City of Lago Vista
- City of Lakeway
- City of Leander
- City of Manor
- City of Mustang Ridge
- City of Pflugerville
- City of Rollingwood
- City of Round Rock
- City of Sunset Valley
- City of West Lake Hills
- Village of Briarcliff
- Village of Point Venture
- Village of San Leanna
- Village of The Hills
- Village of Volente
- Village of Webberville



Community Center Locations

Downtown Austin Palm Square Building
 100 N IH 35 Suite 2000 Austin TX 78701
 Phone 512 854 4120 Fax 512 854-4118
palmsquarecc@traviscountytx.gov

South Austin Post Road
 2201 Post Road Suite 101 Austin TX 78704
 Phone 512 854 9130 Fax 512 854 9158
postroad@traviscountytx.gov

Oak Hill
 8656 A Hwy 71 W Suite 100 Austin TX 78735
 Phone 512 854 2130 Fax 512 854 2145
oakhill@traviscountytx.gov
 Open until 7 PM Thursdays

Del Valle
 3518 FM 973 South Del Valle TX 78617
 Phone 512 854 1520 Fax 512 854 1528
delvalle@traviscountytx.gov

Jonestown
 18649 FM 1431 Suite 6A Jonestown TX 78645
 Phone 512 854 1500 Fax 512 854 1510
jonestown@traviscountytx.gov

Manor
 600 W Carrie Manor St Manor TX 78653
 Phone 512 854 1550 Fax 512 854 1559
manor@traviscountytx.gov

Pflugerville
 15822 Foothill Farms Loop
 Pflugerville TX 78660
 Phone 512 854 1530 Fax 512 854 1543
pflugerville@traviscountytx.gov

Helpful Resources

Medical Access Program (MAP)
 512 978 8130

CommUnity Care
 512 978 9015

Women, Infant, and Children's Program (WIC) 1 800 942 3678

Travis County Veterans Service Office
 512 854 9340

Burial Services 512 854 1440

Basic Needs Services

Travis County Health & Human Services Department

Community Centers

Services

- Utility Assistance
- Rent and Mortgage Assistance
- Home Repair/ Weatherization Referrals
- Licensed Social Work and Case Management Services
- Burial Services (Palm Square only)



- Food Pantry
- Clothes Closet (Some Sites)
- Bread Donation Program (Some Sites)
- Senior Lunch Program at Oak Hill, Jonestown, Manor, Pflugerville & Del Valle (by Meals on Wheels)
- Online Application Site for SNAP, Medicaid, CHIP with TxHHSC Community Partner Program.

Required Documents for Financial Assistance

- **Photo ID** (drivers' license, military ID, State ID, etc)
- **Social Security Card/Numbers** for any household members who have them
- **Proof of ALL household income for the past 30 days** (pay checks, check stubs, Social Security award letters for current year, unemployment, child support, workers compensation, etc)
- For utility assistance bring your **current utility bill or termination notice**
- For rent or mortgage assistance bring **current lease or mortgage statement**
- For **CEAP Utility Assistance, proof of identification & citizenship is required for all household members**

Failure to provide the required documents will delay or deny the processing of your request for assistance.

Eligibility

Your eligibility for assistance depends on these factors

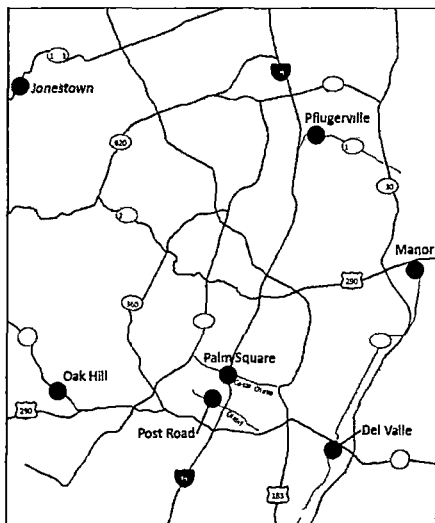
- Travis County residency
- Income documentation
- Disability status
- Age and number of household members
- How often you receive help
- Your utility provider/landlord
- Utility disconnection status

Application Process

Applications are accepted at all seven sites from 8 00am to 5 00pm Monday through Friday Please include all of the required documents when you turn in your application You can submit your application and required documents via fax, email, mail or in-person

Complete applications with all required documents included are served in the order received at each center When your turn in line comes up, a worker will call you to discuss your application and next steps

Application forms and information can be downloaded at the HHS website <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/individuals-families/apply>



Centros Comunitarios

Centro de Austin Palm Square Building
 100 N IH 35 Suite 2000 Austin TX 78701
 Telefono 512 854-4120 Fax 512 854-4118
palmsquarecc@traviscountytx.gov

Sur de Austin Post Road
 2201 Post Road Suite 101 Austin TX 78704
 Telefono 512 854 9130 Fax 512 854 9158
postroad@traviscountytx.gov

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Recursos útiles

Programa de Asistencia Médica
 (MAP) 512-978 8130

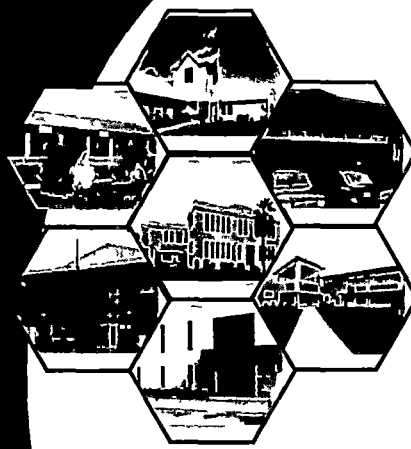
CommUnity Care Clinicas Medicas
 512 978 9015

Programa para Mujeres, Niños y Bebés
 (WIC) 1 800 942 3678

Servicio para Veteranos 512 854 9340

Servicios para entierro de indigentes
 512 854-1440

Servicios de necesidades básicas



Departamento de Servicios Humanos y de Salud del Condado de Travis

Centros Comunitarios

Servicios

- Asistencia para los servicios publicos
- Asistencia para la renta y la hipoteca
- Remisiones para reparaciones/ acondicionamiento del hogar contra las inclemencias del tiempo
- Servicios profesionales de asistencia social
- Entierro de indigentes (ofician a del Centro de Austin)



- Banco de alimentos
- Closet de ropa (en algunos centros)
- Programa de donacion de pan y alimentos (en algunos centros)
- Programa de almuerzos para adultos mayores en Oak Hill, Jonestown, Manor, Pflugerville & Del Valle (de Meals on Wheels)
- Sitio de solicitud de internet para SNAP, Medicaid, CHIP con TxHHS
Community

Documentación necesaria

- **Documento de identidad con foto** (licencia de conducir, identificación militar, identificación del Estado, etc)
- **Tarjeta/numeros del Seguro Social** de TODOS los integrantes del hogar que poseen
- **Comprobantes de los ingresos TOTALES del hogar de los ultimos 30 dias** (talones de cheques, cartas de concesion del Seguro Social del año actual, desempleo, manutencion de los hijos, compensacion a trabajadores, etc)
- Para recibir asistencia relacionada con los servicios publicos, debera presentar **el recibo de servicios actual o el aviso de desconexion**
- Para asistencia con alquilar/renta o prestamo hipotecario, traiga el **contrato actual de alquilar/renta o de hipoteca**
- **Para asistencia CEAP para su cuenta de electricidad, se requiere prueba de identificacion y ciudadanía para todos los miembros del hogar**

Si no presenta los documentos requeridos, se retrasará o se rechazará la tramitación de la solicitud de asistencia.

Elegibilidad

Su elegibilidad para recibir asistencia depende de los siguientes factores

- Residente del Condado de Travis
- Documentacion de ingresos
- Estado de discapacidad
- Cantidad de los miembros del hogar y edad
- Frecuencia con la que recibe ayuda
- Su proveedor de servicios publicos/ dueño
- Estado de desconexion de servicios

Proceso de solicitud

Puede presentar la solicitud en cualquiera de los siete centros, de lunes a viernes, desde 8 00 am hasta 5 pm Por favor incluya todo los documentos requeridos Puede enviar su solicitud y los documentos requeridos por fax, correo electronico, por correo o en persona

Las solicitudes completas (con todos los documentos requeridos incluidos) son atendidas en el orden recibido en cada centro Cuando llegue su turno en la fila un trabajador le llamara para discutir su solicitud y los pasos siguientes

Las solicitudes y la informacion se pueden descargar en el sitio web de HHS <https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/individuals-families/apply>



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