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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City staff and the Board of Commissioners are working around the clock to ensure the safety of our citizens. We are working daily with Wichita Falls, Wichita County, and state officials as we navigate this unprecedented time.

In constant communication with the Wichita Falls - Wichita County Public Health District, City officials and staff maintain the most up to date information available. Information that the Health District has regarding current cases in Wichita County is available at <http://www.wichitafallstx.gov/2088/COVID-19>.

As of the most recent information we have from the Health District, Burkburnett has no confirmed cases of COVID-19. This does not mean that we can be lax in our conduct. We, as citizens of Burkburnett, must do what is necessary to slow and stop the spread of COVID-19 by following the guidelines established by President Trump and the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-14, which went into effect today: https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-14_Statewide_Essential_Service_and_Activity_COVID-19_IMAGE_03-31-2020.pdf. With some exceptions, this sets out the regulations regarding essential services.

Much of this is consistent with Ordinance Number 971 that was adopted by our Board of Commissioners on Friday, March 27, 2020. One key difference is that Governor Abbott has included religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship as essential services. While remote services are strongly encouraged, if a congregation is unable to hold services remotely, church leaders should ensure that they, their staff, and their members and guests practice good hygiene, that facilities are cleaned and sanitized and that social distancing is observed. This is a new frontier for all of us. Still, I am confident that in Burkburnett, we will do what is necessary to ensure the health of our community so we can open our businesses and start gathering together as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Carl Law

Carl Law, Mayor