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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Staff and the Board of Commissioners continue to work around the clock to ensure the safety of our citizens. We are regularly working with the surrounding cities, 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>.

President Trump has issued Federal Guidelines entitled "Opening Up America Again." It is a three-phased approach to help states and localities reopen their economies. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>

In addition to Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-14, which went into effect March 31, 2020 as is available at https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-14_Statewide_Essential_Service_and_Activity_COVID-19_IMAGE_03-31-2020.pdf, the Governor has issued three new executive orders that begin the process of reopening up the state:

https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-15_hospital_capacity_COVID-19_TRANS_04-17-2020.pdf
https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-16_Opening_Texas_COVID-19_FINAL_04-17-2020.pdf
https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-17_Open_Texas_Strike_Force_COVID-19_IMAGE_04-17-2020.pdf

Wichita County has issued its Sixth Amended Declaration of Disaster Order April 17, 2020 as is available at <https://www.burkburnett.org/announcements>.

The City will be upholding the Federal Guidelines, State Orders, and County Orders. In doing so, there are enough standards and safeguards put in place by these two orders that the City does not foresee any reason to create an additional order at this time. Please stay tuned for further advancements and alterations to come.

Please remember to practice social distancing, good hygiene, and sanitized frequently used surfaces often. 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