

**CITY OF CANTON, TEXAS  
MAYORAL DECLARATION REGARDING  
EVENTS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF CANTON, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, after several weeks of businesses being shut down throughout the State of Texas, Governor Abbott has allowed businesses to reopen by category at designated points in time throughout the past month;

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-28, prohibiting municipal outdoor gatherings in excess of 100 persons (unless subject to a specified exemption) unless the event is approved by the Mayor and such approval can be made subject to certain conditions or restrictions not inconsistent with Executive Order GA-28;

**WHEREAS**, on July 2, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-29 and a Proclamation amending GA-28 that mandated masks whenever a person could not socially distance, and prohibited most outdoor gatherings in excess of ten people, unless the Mayor of a city approved the gathering. Under GA-28 as amended, the Mayor may subject outdoor gatherings to additional conditions or restrictions.

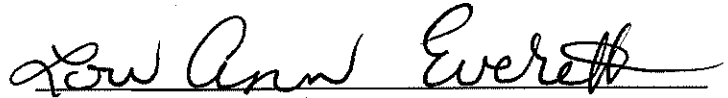
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CANTON, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** In an effort to provide event organizers with a level of certainty, an outdoor event in excess of ten (10) people is approved by the Mayor and may take place in the city limits without further approval required if the following additional safety measures are adhered to:

1. Event organizers are required to encourage event participants to social distance, or wear a face covering if social distancing is not feasible. All persons attending are strongly recommended to follow DSHS and CDC-recommended practices to prevent the transmission of COVID-19. The City will rely upon the event organizer and the event attendees to self-regulate and use common sense in the application of this requirement.
2. Events with more than thirty (30) attendees must have hand washing or hand sanitizing stations available. There should be one station for every thirty attendees. The City will rely upon the event organizer to self-regulate and use common sense in the application of this requirement.
3. Event organizers wishing to host an outdoor event with 300 people or more must first submit a written plan to maintain social distancing to the City of

**SECTION 6.** That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and continue for a period of thirty (30) days unless revoked sooner by the Mayor.

DECLARED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.



Lou Ann Everett, Mayor  
City of Canton, Texas

ATTEST:



Debra Johnson, City Secretary