

ORDINANCE NO. 587

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANOR, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUSPENSION OF THE MAXIMUM TIME PERIOD A TEMPORARY SIGN MAY BE DISPLAYED; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of a novel coronavirus, designated COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contract tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic; and

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, Declarations of Disaster have been issued by both Travis County and the City of Manor (the “City”); and

WHEREAS, the necessary measures taken by governmental entities, businesses, and individuals to flatten the curve in the spread of COVID-19 is having a detrimental impact on businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Article 15.04, Section 15.04.018(7) (the “Site Development Ordinance”) provides that a temporary sign may be displayed for a maximum period of thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, due to the decrease in customer base, the sustainability of local businesses is in danger and the City Council of the City of Manor, Texas (the “City Council”) has determined that authorizing the suspension of the maximum time period a temporary sign may be displayed provides economic assistance to businesses impacted by COVID-19 and preserve business and commercial activity in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANOR, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Findings. The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of fact.

Section 2. **Authorization of the Suspension of the Maximum Time Period a Temporary Sign May Be Displayed.** The City Council hereby authorizes and suspends the thirty (30) day maximum time period a temporary sign may be displayed as provided in Section 15.04.018(7) of the City's Site Development Ordinance until December 31, 2020. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City Council is hereby acknowledging and agreeing to only suspending the maximum time period a temporary sign may be displayed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and all other temporary signs rules and regulations remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. **Repealing all Conflicting Ordinances.** All ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance as adopted herein are hereby amended to the extent of such conflict. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this Ordinance and any other code or ordinance of the City of Manor, the terms and provisions of this Ordinance shall control.

Section 4. **Savings Clause.** This City Council of the City of Manor, Texas does hereby declares that if any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, work or portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid, or unconstitutional, by a court of competent jurisdiction, that, in such event that it would have passed and ordained any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance without the inclusion of that portion or portions which may be so found to be unconstitutional or invalid, and declares that its intent is to make no portion of this Ordinance dependent upon the validity of any portion thereof, and that all said remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 5. **Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 6. **Open Meetings.** It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was considered was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

Section 7. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Local Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of October 2020.

THE CITY OF MANOR, TEXAS

Dr. Larry Wallace Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Lluvia T. Almaraz, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Veronica Rivera, Assistant City Attorney