

LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY ON COVID-19 CRISIS – 3/27/20

Dear Leon Valley Citizens and Businesses:

As your Mayor, under Texas law, I am in charge of emergency management for the COVID-19 crisis. We are presently under an Emergency Ordinance, amended by council on March 25th. The following are highlights of the amended Ordinance:

- Generally adopted Bexar County's Stay Home, Work Safe Order;
- Defined businesses by their uses (in line with the County Order);
- Included a six foot social (or physical) distancing requirement for exempted businesses, with a 10 person limit on gatherings as a separate provision.

The County's Order is available at www.bexar.org. The Leon Valley Emergency Order and related information is available at www.leonvalleytexas.gov – COVID-19.

We are living in uncertain times with the coronavirus affecting humanity worldwide. Our number one priority is to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens and businesses. The Stay Home, Work Safe Order enacted by the County and City on March 25th is to stop the spread of this highly contagious virus and "flatten the curve". (1 case reported in Bexar

County on March 13th and as of March 26th, there were 113 confirmed cases). If you are experiencing the symptoms of high fever, cough, body aches, please call your doctor and treat and isolate yourself at home. If you are experiencing shortness of breath or unable to breathe, then go to the emergency room.

We are all doing our patriotic duty to work together for the common good of our community. A **HUGE** thank you to all the health care workers and first responders who are putting their lives on the line while dealing with this emergency. Take care and stay healthy and safe!

DID YOU KNOW?

- The May 2, 2020 City Council general election (Mayor, Place 2, & Place 4) and the special elections (recall of Councilors Charles and Alcocer and home rule charter amendments) have been postponed to the November 3rd national election date due to the pandemic;
- City Hall is closed through April 17, 2020. A skeleton crew will be at city hall and public works, while other employees work from home;
- Police, Fire and EMS are maintained in full force to serve our community;
- Municipal Court is closed;

- Leon Valley Library, Community and Conference Centers and all senior citizen activities are closed;
- It is encouraged to pay any city bills online or drop your payment off in the secured box outside of city hall (or mail);
- Raymond Rimkus park restrooms, playgrounds, basketball and volleyball courts, et al, have been closed (anything with a yellow tape around it);
- Temporary signs were approved by council to place outside Leon Valley businesses who are open (primarily drive through/take out);
- Leon Valley Water Company and SAWS will not disconnect any resident for non-payment during this time;
- CPS Energy will also not disconnect any customer during this time. Please call (210) 353-2222 for questions regarding your bill;
- Mortgages, car payments other loan payments – it is suggested that you call your lender to work out financial arrangements;
- Bexar County and Lift Fund – small business disaster relief for businesses impacted by the pandemic. Visit www.liffund.com or call (888) 215-2372. Maximum grant amount is \$5,000; max loan amount (0% interest) is \$25,000.

HAPPY 68TH BIRTHDAY to the City of Leon Valley on March 31, 2020.

Please join me and others by placing a balloon, ribbon, candle or homemade card on your front porch on March 31st to show our solidarity and compassion for each other in working together to slow the spread of this virus. Let's stay positive!

Sincerely, Chris

(210) 618-2092 – Please call with any questions or concerns

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