

**FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE FOURTH LOCAL EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE  
BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**

**ISSUED JULY 27, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2020, El Paso Mayor Dee Margo (“Mayor Margo”) issued the Fourth Local Emergency Directive for the City of El Paso pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 418.1015(a) and Chapter 2.48.010 of the El Paso City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 18, 2020, Mayor Margo issued the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the Fourth Local Emergency Directive to require businesses to adopt and enforce health and safety policies that include face covering requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 29, 2020, Mayor Margo issued the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the Fourth Local Emergency Directive to incorporate Governor Abbott’s Executive Order No. 28 (“GA-28”); and

**WHEREAS**, on July 2, 2020, Mayor Margo issued the 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to the Fourth Local Emergency Directive to align with Governor Abbott’s July 2<sup>nd</sup> Proclamation amending GA-28 and incorporate Governor Abbott’s Executive Order No. 29 (“GA-29”); and

**WHEREAS**, on July 6, 2020, the El Paso City Council, pursuant to El Paso City Charter Section 3.10 adopted an Emergency Ordinance extending the City of El Paso’s (the “City”) Disaster Declaration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor now issues this 4th Amendment (“Fourth Amendment”) to the Fourth Local Emergency Directive to remove local restrictions on City park playgrounds and fitness equipment.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY FIND AND DIRECT:**

1. That Section 2 (Restricted Activities), paragraph b (City Facilities) be amended to read as follows:

**b. City Facilities.** Despite budget and staffing shortfalls caused by COVID-19, the City will begin a safe and phased reopening of some City facilities. The City Manager, in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Orders and corresponding Minimum Standard Health Protocols, may designate which and how parks and recreational areas and facilities, including City tennis courts, City basketball courts, public swimming pools, splash pads, the zoo, public museums and public libraries will open. **See Public Health Authority Orders as found at <http://epstrong.org/health-orders.php> and State of Texas Minimum Recommended Health Protocols as found at [www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx) for mandated guidelines and protocols.** For clarity, all City parks are open, including playgrounds and fitness equipment within City parks.

2. Except as amended herein, the June 12, 2020, Fourth Local Emergency Directive, as amended, shall otherwise remain in full force and effect unless superseded by a conflicting provision herein or by state or federal law or order.
3. This Fourth Amendment shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. July 27, 2020.

**DIRECTED** this the 27th day of July, 2020.



**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**

**Dee Margo**  
Mayor of the City of El Paso

**ATTEST:**

Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

for Karla M. Nieman  
City Attorney