



**AGENDA  
MARCH 2, 2021  
LAVON CITY COUNCIL  
7:00 PM  
REGULAR MEETING  
TELEPHONIC MEETING**

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**SUPPLEMENT TO PACKET**

**Posted before 6:00 p.m., 03-02-2021**

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**Agenda  
Item**

- 7 -I                    Information relating to fire apparatus.
- 7 – K                    - TML Coronavirus Update  
                              - Order GA-34



Mayor and Council,

I would like to start this off with an apology. I prefer not to surprise you with anything at such short notice, however after talking to Kim I felt that this was a good enough opportunity that we should at least present it for consideration.

Thursday I was approached by David Petricca, our Metro Fire (fire apparatus and equipment vendor) rep, about a demo quint they would soon be offering for sale. He informed me that this quint was a 105' aerial that could be purchased for \$835,000, or \$950,000 including all of the equipment (hoses, saws, tools, and air packs). This unit would normally cost around \$1.2 million prior to any equipment being added to it. Also, due to this being a demo it might be possible to take possession of the Quint in roughly 90 days. An additional benefit of purchasing this quint would be an improvement of our ISO rating from a 4 to a 3. As before, this would continue to help improve our citizens homeowners insurance rates and would truly be an honor to receive this rating.

With Squad-1 currently being used as a last out vehicle because of maintenance issues, I talked to David about the cost of a new brush truck as well. He said currently brush trucks are running roughly a year and a half to two years behind. While discussing financing, he mentioned we could likely combine the Quint and brush, which would make our first payment due when we take possession of the brush (1 1/2 to 2 years) rather than when we take possession of the quint. Therefore, it would be at least a year before any payments would be made on either apparatus and possibly longer. This would make the combined cost of both vehicles roughly 1.2 million.



With all of that being said, there will be a few additional items we would need to address if we were to purchase this vehicle.

First, the back of the apparatus bay would need to be extended an additional 30 feet. This extension would accommodate the additional length of the Quint and provide double stacking to accommodate other equipment as well. This would need to be done ASAP to be able to house the Quint if we were to get it within the estimated 90 days. I believe this could be done for roughly \$200,000, however this was included as part of facility improvements in the City's Capital Improvement plan to accommodate the growth of the department. This is only an estimate as I haven't yet been able to obtain bids because of how quickly this opportunity arose.

Second, we would need to hire at least 3 full time firefighters to drive the Quint. The reason we would need these firefighters to drive is due to the differences in driving a quint over an engine (which is what we currently have). There are hours of training that need to be completed to transition into driving and operating a Quint and ensure safety and efficiency. I would propose these 3 hires be part of my 2022-2023 budget.

In closing I would like to reiterate that the only money needed up front prior to next budget year would be the money needed to extend the bays. I have also attached the cost of 3 full time firefighters. The extension of the bay would be a one time cost, and the payments on the Quint and the full time firefighters would be our recurring cost.

I hope to address any questions you may have at our upcoming meeting, and I have also invited David Petricca from Metro fire to call in to the meeting to assist in answering any questions you may have.





## **Breakdown of needs for purchasing a quint:**

### ***Immediate needs:***

Roughly \$200,000 would be needed now for extension of the bay. If approved, I would begin getting bids for this job immediately. This would be a one time cost.

### ***2021-2022 Budget Year Needs:***

3 full time firefighters to work one on each A, B, and C shift on a 24 hour on and 48 hour off shift based schedule.

***Hours per Year:*** 2,912

***Employee Hourly Rate:*** \$18.00 / Hr

***Annual Salary for Employee:*** \$52,416 / Year

***Estimated Benefit Cost to City @ 40% of Salary:*** \$20,966.40

***Estimated Total Cost to City per Employee:*** \$73,382.40 / Firefighter

***Total Cost for 3 Firefighters to City:*** \$220,147.20 / Year

The estimated 40% for benefits might be a little high, so it is possible each firefighter might cost slightly less than the above estimate. However, I thought it best to estimate higher and ensure we would have adequate funding. Additionally, I would also like to increase the stipend budget to \$80,000/ year. This would be a \$42,500.00/ year increase in stipend budget, but would give me the ability to have coverage for the full time firefighters when they request time off as well as have a stipend person 24



hours / day 7 days a week. This would maintain 2 people on shift 24 hours a day / 7 days a week.

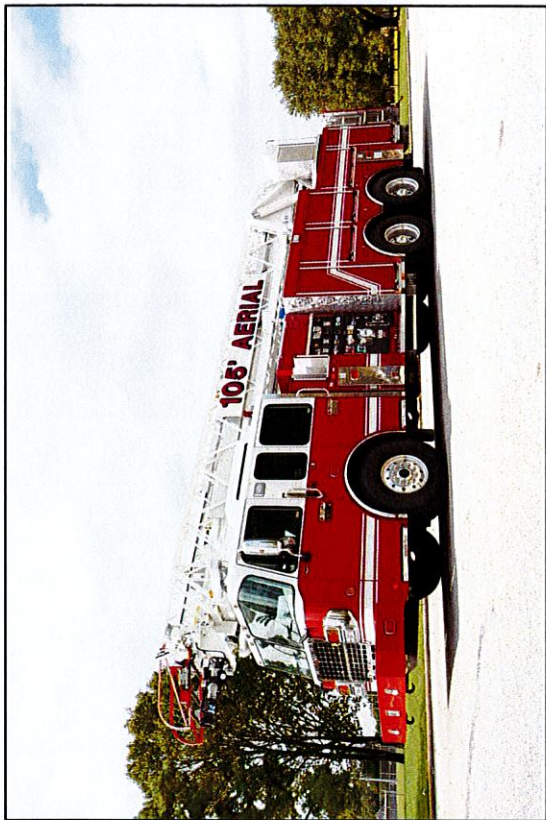
***2022-2023 Budget Year Needs:***

First payment on the quint and brush would likely begin at this point. All other lease items currently outstanding for the department would be paid off at this point.





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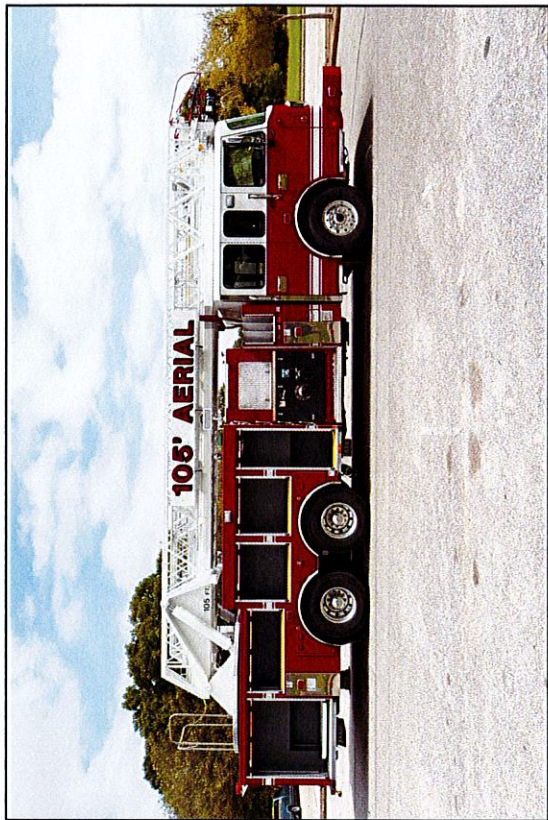


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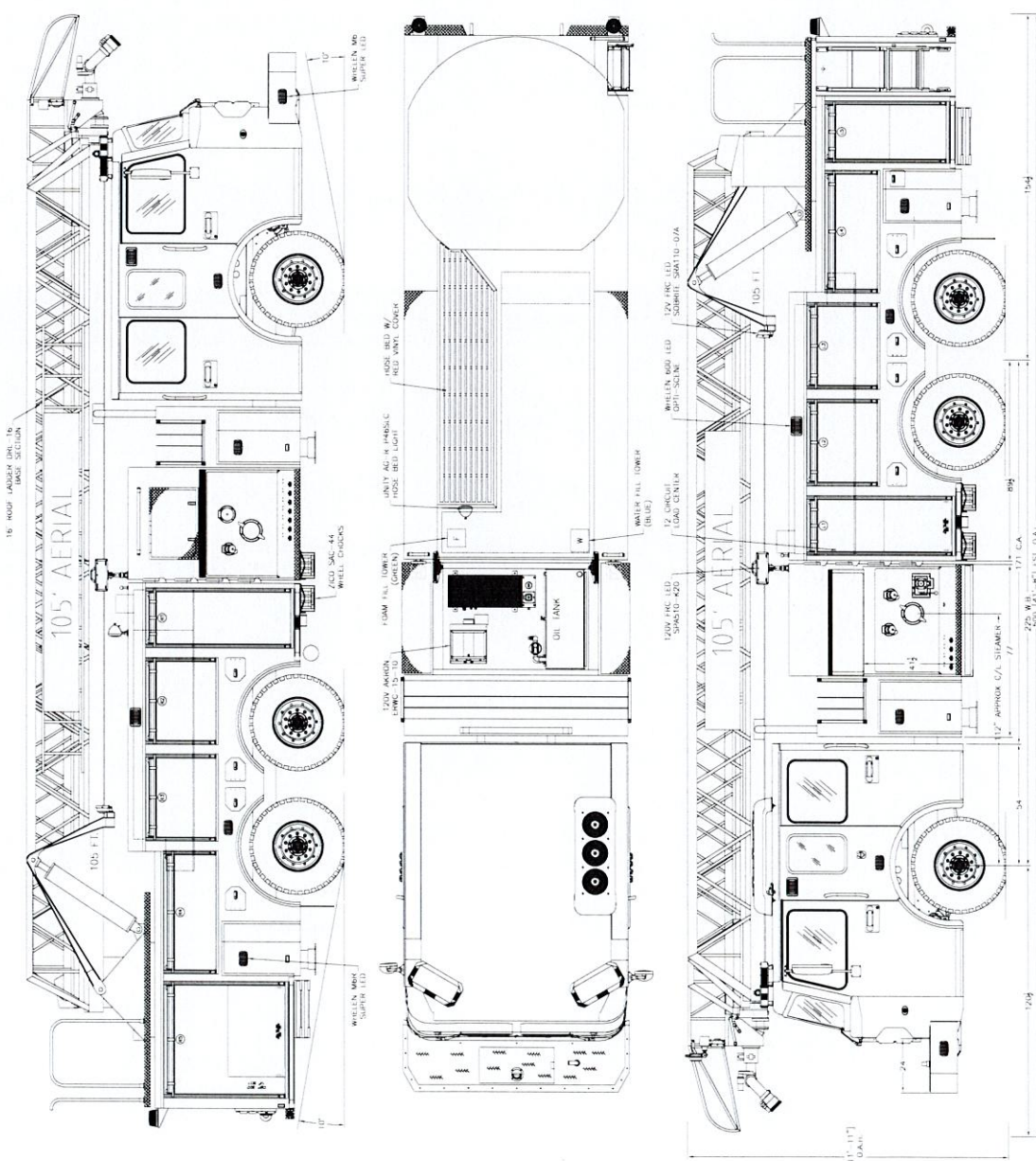


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DIMENSIONS (INCHES)		DIMENSIONS (FEET)	
DESCRIPTION	VALUE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
Overall Length	105' 0"	Overall Width	10' 0"
Wheelbase	40' 0"	Ground Clearance	1' 0"
Height	12' 0"	Weight	15,000 lbs
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## CITY OF LAVON

### Agenda Brief

MEETING: March 2, 2021

Supplement

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Item:

Discussion and action regarding orders and regulations, programming, city facilities and operations related to COVID-19.

Background:

This standing item is continued on the agenda to allow for the City Council to discuss and act without delay on updates relating to COVID-19 orders and regulations.

#### **REGULATORY UPDATE**

Governor Abbott issued Executive Order No. GA-34 relating to the opening of Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

Below are the highlights of the order:

- 1-a No COVID-19 related operating limits for any business or other establishment.
- 1-b Individuals are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing, but no person may be required by any jurisdiction to wear or mandate the wearing of a face covering.

Counties with high hospitalizations (more than 15% capacity for 7 consecutive days)

- 2-a there are no state-imposed COVID-19 related operating limits for any business or other establishment.
- 2-b there is no state-imposed requirement to wear a face covering; and the county judge may use COVID-19-related mitigation strategies

Exceptions:

- Businesses may not be required to operate at less than 50% of total capacity
- May not impose confinement in jail as a penalty for violating any order issued in response to COVID-19
- May not impose a penalty of any kind for failure to wear a face covering or failure to mandate that customers or employees wear face coverings, except that a legally authorized official may act to enforce trespassing laws and remove the violator.

Executive Orders GA-17, GA-25, GA-29 and GA-31 are rescinded in their entirety.

**Attachments:** 1) GA-34

**From:** Texas Municipal League <tmladmin@tml.ccsend.com> on behalf of Texas Municipal League <tmladmin@tml.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021 4:28 PM  
**To:** Kim Dobbs  
**Subject:** TML Coronavirus Update #174



### **Urgent Updates**

Has the governor made any comments about his current orders, and specifically his mask order?

Yes. He issued a new executive order ([GA-34](#)) that fully opens all business and ends the statewide mask mandate. Today (March 2), the governor held a press conference in Lubbock. Speaking to the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, he spoke first about the success of the Texas economy, even in the face of the pandemic.

"It is now time to open Texas 100 percent," said the governor. Now is the right time, he said, because we are in a completely different position than last year at this time. We have:

- an abundance of personal protective equipment.
- the capability to do well over 100,000 tests per day.
- antibody therapeutic drugs to keep people out of hospitals.
- mastered daily habits to avoid getting COVID-19.
- most importantly, vaccines. More than 5.7 million have been given to Texans. Today, a one day record will be set, giving more than 216,000 vaccines. That's over one million per week now.

These efforts, he said, should ensure that we keep hospitalizations low in Texas. "Make no mistake, however, COVID-19 has not suddenly disappeared...but state mandates are no longer needed."



His new order will, effective next Wednesday (March 10), rescind most previous orders, including the statewide mask mandate. But, “repealing these don’t change the fact that Texans need to exercise personal vigilance.”

He concluded by saying that “some local officials are concerned this could lead to a worsening of COVID-19 in their communities,” but that they needn’t worry. His order will provide that, if hospitalizations rise above 15 percent in a state trauma region, the county judge can impose mitigation measures. But the judge won’t be able to impose any penalties for a violation of those measures. The order makes no mention of mayoral authority.

### **What’s the latest regarding future stimulus legislation?**

Last Saturday (February 27), the United States House of Representatives passed H.R. 1319, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The [594-page bill](#) includes \$350 billion in emergency relief for states and local governments, and funding for housing, education, food and nutrition, unemployment assistance, vaccines, COVID-19 testing, and FEMA assistance.

The bill now moves on to the Senate for consideration.

### **What’s the latest vaccine-related news?**

The United States Food and Drug Administration has authorized a third COVID-19 vaccine – developed by Janssen Pharmaceuticals (a Johnson and Johnson company) – for public use.

According to [USA Today](#), “about four million doses of the new vaccine should be made available next week, 20 million total during March, and another 80 million by the end of June.”

Because the vaccine requires just one dose, it should help protect 100 million people and take effect more rapidly than the two-dose vaccines. It should also be easier to distribute to rural areas and other places without pharmaceutical-grade freezers because it can be stored for longer in a refrigerator.

The new vaccine joins two others: one from Pfizer-BioNTech and the other from Moderna, which have been given to nearly 50 million Americans since they were authorized in December.

## **Further Updates**

### **Where can I find archived issues of the TML Coronavirus Updates?**

TML Coronavirus Updates are archived by date [here](#) and by subject [here](#).



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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Secretary of State

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

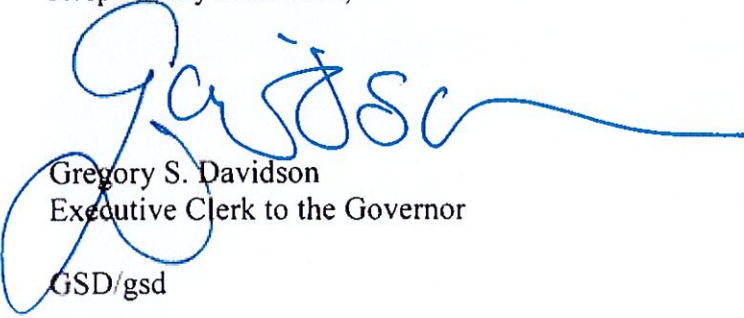
Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-34 relating to the opening of Texas in response to the  
COVID-19 disaster.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD/gsd

Attachment



# Executive Order

BY THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department  
Austin, Texas  
March 2, 2021

## EXECUTIVE ORDER GA 34

*Relating to the opening of Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.*

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WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in each subsequent month effective through today, I have renewed the disaster declaration for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, I have issued executive orders and suspensions of Texas laws in response to COVID-19, aimed at protecting the health and safety of Texans and ensuring an effective response to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order GA-08 on March 19, 2020, mandating social-distancing restrictions in accordance with guidelines promulgated by President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, I subsequently issued a series of superseding executive orders aiming to achieve the least restrictive means of combatting the evolving threat to public health by adjusting social-distancing restrictions while implementing a safe, strategic plan to reopen Texas; and

WHEREAS, under Executive Order GA-32, in effect since October 14, 2020, most establishments have been able to operate up to at least 75 percent of total occupancy, except in some areas with high hospitalizations as defined in that order, where most establishments have been able to operate up to at least 50 percent of total occupancy; and

WHEREAS, I also issued Executive Order GA-29, regarding the use of face coverings to control the spread of COVID-19, and a series of executive orders, most recently GA-31, limiting certain medical surgeries and procedures; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 hospitalizations and the rate of new COVID-19 cases have steadily declined due to the millions of Texans who have voluntarily been vaccinated, many more who are otherwise immune, improved medical treatments for COVID-19 patients, abundant supplies of testing and personal protective equipment, and Texans' adherence to safe practices like social distancing, hand sanitizing, and use of face coverings; and

WHEREAS, in the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the legislature charged the governor with the responsibility "for meeting ... the dangers to the state and people presented by

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disasters" under Section 418.011 of the Texas Government Code, and expressly granted the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility; and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.012, the "governor may issue executive orders ... hav[ing] the force and effect of law;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and in accordance with guidance from medical advisors, do hereby order the following on a statewide basis effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 10, 2021:

1. In all counties not in an area with high hospitalizations as defined below:
  - a. there are no COVID-19-related operating limits for any business or other establishment; and
  - b. individuals are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household, but no person may be required by any jurisdiction to wear or to mandate the wearing of a face covering.

"Area with high hospitalizations" means any Trauma Service Area that has had seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity exceeds 15 percent, until such time as the Trauma Service Area has seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity is 15 percent or less. A current list of areas with high hospitalizations will be maintained at [www.dshs.texas.gov/ga3031](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/ga3031).
2. In any county located in an area with high hospitalizations as defined above:
  - a. there are no state-imposed COVID-19-related operating limits for any business or other establishment;
  - b. there is no state-imposed requirement to wear a face covering; and
  - c. the county judge may use COVID-19-related mitigation strategies; provided, however, that:
    - i. business and other establishments may not be required to operate at less than 50 percent of total occupancy, with no operating limits allowed to be imposed for religious services (including those conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship), public and private schools and institutions of higher education, and child-care services;
    - ii. no jurisdiction may impose confinement in jail as a penalty for violating any order issued in response to COVID-19; and
    - iii. no jurisdiction may impose a penalty of any kind for failure to wear a face covering or failure to mandate that customers or employees wear face coverings, except that a legally authorized official may act to enforce trespassing laws and remove violators at the request of a business establishment or other property owner.
3. In providing or obtaining services, every person (including individuals, businesses, and other legal entities) is strongly encouraged to use good-faith efforts and available resources to follow the Texas Department of State Health Services (DHS) health recommendations, found at [www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus).
4. Nothing in this executive order precludes businesses or other establishments from requiring employees or customers to follow additional hygiene measures, including the wearing of a face covering.
5. Nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, and long-

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term care facilities should follow guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) regarding visitations, and should follow infection control policies and practices set forth by HHSC, including minimizing the movement of staff between facilities whenever possible.

6. Public schools may operate as provided by, and under the minimum standard health protocols found in, guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency. Private schools and institutions of higher education are encouraged to establish similar standards.
7. County and municipal jails should follow guidance from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards regarding visitations.
8. Executive Orders GA-17, GA-25, GA-29, and GA-31 are rescinded in their entirety.
9. This executive order shall supersede any conflicting order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster, but only to the extent that such a local order restricts services allowed by this executive order or allows gatherings restricted by this executive order. Pursuant to Section 418.016(a) of the Texas Government Code, I hereby suspend Sections 418.1015(b) and 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 81, Subchapter E of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and any other relevant statutes, to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not impose restrictions in response to the COVID-19 disaster that are inconsistent with this executive order, provided that local officials may enforce this executive order as well as local restrictions that are consistent with this executive order.
10. All existing state executive orders relating to COVID-19 are amended to eliminate confinement in jail as an available penalty for violating the executive orders. To the extent any order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster would allow confinement in jail as an available penalty for violating a COVID-19-related order, that order allowing confinement in jail is superseded, and I hereby suspend all relevant laws to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not confine people in jail for violating any executive order or local order issued in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

This executive order supersedes Executive Orders GA-17, GA-25, GA-29, GA-31, and GA-32, but does not supersede Executive Orders GA-10 or GA-13. This executive order shall remain in effect and in full force unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor. This executive order may also be amended by proclamation of the governor.



Given under my hand this the 2nd  
day of March, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Greg Abbott", written over a horizontal line.

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

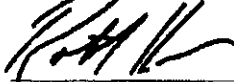
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**Governor Greg Abbott**  
March 2, 2021

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ATTESTED BY:



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Secretary of State

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