



CITY OF BANDERA

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HERE WE GO AGAIN

As of 8:45 Friday, June 26, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order GA 28. In an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, he has issued an order that some bars must close, public gatherings are limited to 100 or less, and restaurants will go to 50% occupancy on Monday, June 29. What does this mean for Bandera? The only real change as far as revenue will be the effect this has on the sales tax revenue generated by the restaurants and liquor tax revenue. Churches aren't affected or rodeos or hair salons so everything will go on pretty much as usual. City Park will stay open for now. **However, I signed an emergency order limiting the occupancy at the City Park to 500 people at any time during this weekend. There will be an emergency meeting of Council July 1, 2020, at 10:00 am to decide if the park and its visitors will be restricted.**

And speaking of City Park, Council voted to increase the admission for residents outside Bandera County to \$10.00 for adults, Children 6 and under are free and a season pass will increase from \$50.00 to \$100.00. Pavilion rental will increase to \$100.00 with a \$75.00 deposit. These increases will go into effect on July 1, 2020.

There is a new deadline to apply to the EDC for the COVID-19 stimulus money. That deadline is July 6, 2020. But the Council has authorized those businesses who pay HOT tax to the City to apply for stimulus money as well. This deadline does not pertain to those applicants. There are still a couple of things the Council needs to clarify: who qualifies and how that determination will be made.

I have been asked for more details about the COVID-19 cases in Bandera County, but unfortunately, I have no more information than the DSHS provides every day. The report I get each day about the count is posted on the City Website. Our number is still very low, and I only hope it remains that way. The social distancing, good hygiene and wearing face masks is our only defense against the virus right now. It's hard to be optimistic or hopeful in light of all that is going on in our nation at this time but Bandera is a strong, resilient community and we'll get through this too.

And it's not like we don't have enough to think about, we have the Saharan Dust. Really? Now we add poor air quality warnings to everything else that's going on. Just be cautious, stay safe, stay indoors as much as possible and I'll be talking to you soon.