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Prosper Town Council passes new ‘stay-at-home’ order *Statement ‘Stay Home. Stay Prosper Strong.’ adopted*

PROSPER (April 3, 2020) The Town of Prosper is now among the growing number of communities that has imposed a stay-at-home order to residents and has directed all non-essential business concerns to close their offices or facilities.

During an emergency Town Council meeting on April 1, the new, stricter declaration, which supersedes the original declaration issued on March 24, was passed unanimously and went into effect at 12:01 a.m. on April 2.

The declaration also prohibits public gatherings of any size, unless these occur within individual families at their homes. In addition, the declaration provides detailed specificity regarding which businesses are considered essential and which are not included in that definition.

Even so, any essential businesses must adhere to the social distancing guidelines which require a separation of at least six feet between individuals. Gatherings for worship or funerals may be conducted, as long as the social distancing requirements are met.

In-house dining remains prohibited for restaurants and other eating establishments, although take-out, delivery, and drive-through are permitted and encouraged.

The April 2 declaration is in addition to the previous provisions in the original March 24 declaration which was amended to lengthen the deadline to at least April 30. The March 24 declaration covered the following:

- The Town’s Emergency Operations Center has been partially activated, and conditions are being constantly monitored by emergency personnel.
- All Town-sponsored programs, activities and classes are suspended through April 30, 2020.
- The Prosper Community Library and the 407 Rec Center are closed through April 30, 2020.
- All Town sports fields, playgrounds, and outdoor workout equipment are closed through April 30, 2020.
- Prosper Municipal Court is delaying all Court proceedings until May 1, 2020.
- All closures and cancellations will be reassessed and modified as conditions change.
- Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings will continue to be held; however, non-essential Board and Commission meetings are postponed until further notice.
- All other Town offices will remain open during normal operating hours.

The Council also approved the adoption of a new statement for the duration of the crisis – “Stay Home. Stay Prosper Strong.” The statement will be used where appropriate and is intended to drive the message of the importance of residents remaining in their residences to help stop the spread of the disease.

The order can be read at <https://www.prospertx.gov/coronavirus>.

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ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 25,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 70,000 residents, Prosper’s vision is to remain a “Place Where Everyone Matters.”