

IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
May 15, 2020

DIRECTIVE NO. 6

IN RE: PARTIAL RE-OPENING OF GAME ROOMS

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 the Upshur County Commissioners Court closed all game rooms, arcades and dance halls in Upshur County in an effort to combat the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the Upshur County Commissioners Court provided that said closure would remain in effect pending termination or cancellation by the Upshur County Judge, or by the Upshur County Commissioners Court in open session; and

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott has re-opened bars and saloons for in person service of up to 50% of the total capacity of such facilities, and further dropped his prohibition of video games and other interactive amusement devices, so long as those devices are disinfected to protect customers, and so long as said devices are disinfected before and after the use by each customer, among other minimum standard health protocols published by him; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the undersigned that a game room is a similar establishment to a bar or saloon, and that game rooms in Upshur County should be allowed to partially re-open only up to 50% of patron capacity, and only if said game room is authorized to operate pursuant to the Upshur County Game Room Regulations presently in effect.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, ORDERED AND DIRECTED that all game rooms located in Upshur County, Texas that are otherwise authorized to operate pursuant to the Upshur County Game Room Regulations dated February 28, 2020 are allowed to re-open to visiting patrons under the following terms and conditions:

1) The Game Room Operator is authorized by the Upshur County Game Room Regulations dated February 28, 2020 to operate;

2) The total amount of patrons allowed in any game room facility is limited to 50% of the total listed occupancy inside the game room; and

3) Patrons inside the game room are socially distanced from each other for at least 6 feet of separation between games.

Further, all of the standard minimum standard health protocols applicable to bars and similar establishments dated June 3, 2020 and as may be further revised and published by the Texas Department of State Health Services shall be fully complied with. Said protocols may be found on the opening page of the Upshur County Website under "Governor's Strikeforce to Open Texas" under the checklist for "Bars or Similar Establishments".

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, ORDERED AND DIRECTED that social distancing shall also be observed outside of any game room facility and upon the game room premises.

For purposes of this Directive "game room" or "game rooms" are defined as any for-profit or non-profit gathering of people or any business located in a building or place that is defined in Section 1.4 of the Upshur County Game Room Regulations adopted on February 28, 2020, and which Game Room

Operator or facility is authorized to operate by the Game Room Permit Administrator.

Further, **IT IS RESOLVED, ORDERED and DIRECTED** that the failure of any person to comply with this Order and Directive commits a Class B misdemeanor punishment by confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days and/or the imposition of a fine not in excess of \$1,000.00.

This Order shall become effective at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2020.

DONE and ORDERED this 4 day of June, 2020 at 4 o'clock P.m.



Todd Tefteller
Upshur County Judge

This document is **ORDERED, RESOLVED and DIRECTED** filed with the Upshur County Clerk and published in all media outlets and posted on Upshur County's website.