March 29 North Texas Order: Summary of Changes

1. **Added “Minimum Basic Operations” Language**
   a. Allows non-essential businesses to do the following:
      i. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions.
      ii. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

2. **Added “Essential Travel” Language**
   a. Includes travel for any of the following purposes:
      i. Travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses Essential Critical Infrastructure, and Minimum Basic Operation;
      ii. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons;
      iii. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services;
      iv. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction;
      v. Travel required by law enforcement or court order;
      vi. Travel by church staff or clergy for the purpose of production of remote delivery of religious services and other ministries requiring travel;
      vii. Travel related to attending a funeral service; or
      viii. Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the County.

3. **Added Safety Provisions for Contractors**
   a. The Order classified construction for public works, residential, commercial, and schools as critical infrastructure. Elective additions and maintenance are prohibited.
b. All employers involved in construction activity must follow the requirements set forth in the COVID-19 Safety Recommendations issued by the Construction Industry Safety Coalition.

4. **Added Prohibition on Price Gouging**
   a. No person shall sell any of the following goods or services for more than the regular retail price the person charged for the goods or services on March 16, 2020:
      i. groceries, beverages, toilet articles, and ice;
      ii. restaurant, cafeteria, and boarding-house meals; and
      iii. medicine, pharmaceutical and medical equipment, and supplies.

5. **Re-formatted the Order**