

THE CITY OF
Anna
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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**STATEMENT FROM THE MAYOR REGARDING
POSTPONEMENT OF THE JULY 4TH FIREWORKS SHOW**

Tonight, the City Council held a Special Meeting to discuss the Governor's latest order that limits the capacity of outdoor gatherings to 100 people and how it affects the special permit granted to the Greater Anna Chamber of Commerce to put-on the July 4th Fireworks Show. The City Council received notification today, and prior to the meeting, that a majority of the Chamber's Board voted in favor of postponing the July 4th Fireworks Show in favor of scheduling a fireworks show later in the year. The Chamber President presented to Council the listed concerns of the Board and why a majority of the board voted to postpone the event. Though the Governor's Order gives local municipalities the authority to authorize events that have a planned congregation of over 100, the order doesn't give me, as Mayor, or the City Council the ability to compel any entity to hold an event that they choose to postpone. While I'm disappointed that there won't be a July 4th Fireworks Show this year in Anna, I respect the listed concerns of the Chamber Board and accept their decision. The goal of the City of Anna will now be to help the Chamber prepare for a fireworks show later this year that this City rightfully deserves.

Related to the Governor's Orders, the City has remained consistent, since we took action to modify our declaration of emergency to match the Governor's, that the City of Anna will take no action that brings us out of step with what is coming from the Governor's Office. The City will not make masks mandatory for our neighbors and we will not take any action unless mandated by Governor Abbott. We continue to ask our neighbors to follow CDC Recommended Guidelines and practice social distancing where applicable. We also recommend and encourage the wearing of masks when in public places and amidst public gatherings, but the City of Anna will not mandate that our neighbors wear masks.