

ORDINANCE _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXS, CONTROLLING PRICES CHARGED TO CONSUMERS BY VENDORS, MERCHANTS, AND OTHER PERSONS SELLING, OR OFFERING TO SELL, EITHER RETAIL OR WHOLESALE, LEASE, OR RENT ANY GOODS OR SERVICES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR TERMINATION; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Galveston Island is anticipating damage and destruction from _____, and the general public expects to suffer severe loss of property, goods, and services; and

WHEREAS, indiscriminate vendors, merchants, landlords, or other persons are selling, or offering for sale, either retail or wholesale, lease, rent, or are otherwise providing goods or services to the general public for compensation or consideration at an increased rate above and beyond any reasonable price or rate; and

WHEREAS, the increased prices or rates are, or would be, unreasonable and would not be in the best public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any vendor, merchant, landlord, or other person selling or offering to sell, whether retail or wholesale, goods or services at a rate

or price in excess of those rates or prices prevailing in the City of Galveston, Galveston County on _____, _____.

SECTION 3. It shall be unlawful for any vendor, merchant, landlord, or other person or persons to lease as lessor, rent or otherwise provide real property, including but not limited to apartments, condominiums, duplexes, fourplexes, or any other dwelling intended for human habitation, at a rate, price, or term in excess of those rates, prices, or terms which were in effect on _____, _____.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be and become effective from and after its enactment and shall terminate at _____ on _____, _____.

SECTION 5. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a penal sum not to exceed \$1,000.00.

SECTION 6. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such invalid phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 7. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

I, BARBARA LAWRENCE, Secretary of the City Council of the City of Galveston, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Galveston at its regular meeting held on the ____ day of _____, _____, as the same appears in records of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I subscribe my name hereto officially under the corporate seal of the City of Galveston this ____ day of _____, _____.

Secretary for the City Council
of the City of Galveston