

CAUSE NO. D-1-GN-26-02503

TEJAS MINISTRIES, INC.; CAMP DOUBLECREEK LLC; CAMP CHAMPIONS TX, LLC; CAMP LIBERTY; CAMP LONGHORN, LTD.; CAMP PENIEL INC.; CHAPARRAL BAPTIST ASSEMBLY, INC., EL SHADDAI RETREAT CENTER; HEART OF TEXAS BAPTIST CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER; HIDDEN ACRES, INC.; LATHAM SPRINGS CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER; OUR FATHER’S CHILDREN, INC.; PLAINS BAPTIST ASSEMBLY; SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS SYNOD OUTDOOR AND RETREAT MINISTRIES INC.; STILL WATER CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC.; TEXAS YOUTH CAMP; TEXOMA YOUTH CAMP, INC.; UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FRIENDS RETREAT FOUNDATION; THE AUSTIN Y.M.B.L. SUNSHINE CAMP,

Plaintiffs,

v.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, JENNIFER SHUFORD, in her official capacity as Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services; TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION; STEPHANIE MUTH, in her official capacity as executive commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission,

Defendants.

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TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

126th DISTRICT COURT

RULE 11 AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Tejas Ministries, Inc. (“Plaintiff”) and Defendants Jennifer Shuford, in her official capacity as the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, and the Texas Department of State Health Services (collectively, “DSHS”) and Defendants Stephanie Muth, in her official capacity as the Executive Commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (collectively, “HHSC”) agree as follows:

1. Plaintiff owns and operates a summer camp, doing business as Tejas Ministries, Inc., 1038 PR 2191, Giddings, TX 78942, Youth Camp License No. 144002.
2. On September 4, 2025, the Texas Legislature enacted Section 141.0092 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, which requires youth camps to obtain and maintain redundant Internet connectivity, one of which employs “end-to-end fiber optic facilities.” Section 141.0094 of the Texas Health and Safety Code was simultaneously enacted and provides that the Department of State Health Services “shall not issue a license or renew a license” for any youth camp that cannot meet the fiber optic requirement. Section 141.0094 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, provides the “department shall suspend a youth camp license issued by the department if the youth camp operator is in violation of Section 141.0091 or 141.0092.”
3. Plaintiff either has, or intends to, submit a license renewal application for a Youth Camp License to DSHS. Texas Government Code § 2001.054 provides that the existing youth camp license remains valid and effective until the application has been finally determined by the state agency. Final determination by DSHS occurs when DSHS has signed a final order finding that the camp has violated a legal requirement and denial of the license is proper. DSHS has made no final determination regarding Plaintiff’s youth camp license application and will not make such a determination or seek to suspend Plaintiff’s license for failure to comply with Texas Health and Safety Code § 141.0092 during the period this agreement is in effect.
4. The Parties agree to pass all hearings and take no action in this lawsuit other than to add additional Plaintiffs until June 1, 2026, at which time Plaintiff and Defendants agree to stay all proceedings in the trial court in this Lawsuit until March 1, 2027, or until any statutory changes made to lessen or delay the fiber optic requirement by the 90th Texas Legislature take effect, whichever is earlier.
5. While this Lawsuit is stayed, and without conceding the merits of any of Defendants’ defenses, Plaintiff agrees to obtain and maintain redundant Internet connectivity through technology alternative to fiber optic facilities that Plaintiff in good faith determines is equally or more resilient than fiber optic facilities in the respective region and otherwise complies with redundant internet requirements in Health and Safety Code Chapter 141, for example, cellular, microwave, or satellite technology. Plaintiff’s compliance with this paragraph shall relieve it from any adverse actions that might otherwise be undertaken by Defendants against Plaintiff for failure to comply with Section 141.0092 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and all implementing regulations.

6. Plaintiff agrees that nothing in this Agreement otherwise limits Defendants' statutory enforcement authority over Health and Safety Code Chapter 141 and rules promulgated thereunder to protect the health and safety of Texans.

Signed and agreed to by Plaintiff and Defendant on this the 6th day of May, 2026.

Tejas Ministries, Inc.

By:


Paul Biles (May 6, 2026 13:05:06 CDT)

Paul Biles
Its Executive Director

DSHS and Jennifer Shuford, in her official capacity as Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services

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Cynthia Hernandez
General Counsel, Texas Department of State Health Services

HHSC and Stephanie Muth, in her official capacity as the Executive Commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission

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