

RESOLUTION NO. 20-7230

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH CONFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

The City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach does hereby find, order and resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals.

A. Title 2, Chapter 2.56 of the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code empowers the Mayor to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session, subject to ratification by the City Council within seven days.

B. A severe acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus, known as COVID-19, has spread globally and rapidly, resulting in severe illness and death around the world. The World Health Organization has described COVID-19 as a global pandemic.

C. On March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency in response to the increased spread of COVID-19. Additionally, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health all declared a local and public health emergency in response to increased spread of COVID-19 across the country and in Los Angeles County. The President of the United States has declared a federal emergency as a result of the spread of the COVID-19.

D. On March 11, 2020, Los Angeles County announced the first death related to COVID-19.

E. On March 12, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom ordered cancellation of all non-essential gatherings over 250 people anywhere in the State and further called for canceling or postponing even smaller gatherings where those attending cannot keep six feet apart from each other and limiting gatherings of older or relatively unhealthy people more vulnerable to the disease to no more than 10 people.

F. The City activated its Emergency Operations Center on March 16, 2020 and the City has cancelled or postponed all non-essential City-hosted and permitted programs and events to help prevent further spread of COVID-19 and protect its vulnerable populations, such as seniors and people with compromised immune systems, from infection.

G. Due to the increase of reported cases associated with COVID-19, there is an imminent and proximate threat of introduction of COVID-19 in the City that threatens the safety and health of City residents and warrants a declaration of local emergency.

1 H. The Director of Emergency Services now requests the City Council ratify the
2 Mayor's proclamation of the existence of a local emergency issued on March 16, 2020 in
3 accordance with Hermosa Beach Municipal Code Section 2.56.090.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency by the Mayor is hereby
5 ratified.

6 **SECTION 3.** It is hereby proclaimed that a local emergency now exists throughout the City. It
7 is further proclaimed and ordered that during the existence of this local emergency the powers,
8 functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of
9 this City shall be those prescribed by State law and by the ordinances and resolutions of this
10 City.

11 **SECTION 4.** The local emergency shall be deemed to continue and exist until its termination
12 is proclaimed by the City Council. As required by law, the City Council shall review the need
13 to continue the state of emergency every 60 days until this resolution is terminated.

14 **SECTION 5.** Pursuant to the authority prescribed by Hermosa Beach Municipal Code Section
15 2.56.090, the City Council hereby orders as follows (the "Order"), to take effect immediately
16 and remain in effect until March 28, 2020, unless extended by the City Council or City
17 Manager:

- 18 A. All restaurants, alcohol beverage establishments and snack shops in the City are hereby
19 ordered closed to onsite patronage; *provided, however*, that take-out orders and delivery
20 of meals are permitted provided that take-out orders are picked up by way of a drive-
21 through window or by a single person and the establishment maintains social distance in
22 any necessary queuing of patrons.
- 23 B. All gyms and fitness centers are hereby ordered closed in accordance with the March
24 16, 2020 Order of the Health Officer of the Los Angeles County Department of Public
25 Health.
- 26 C. All formal and informal organized and group activities of any size, including but not
27 limited to all games and sports, with the exception of family outings, are hereby
28 prohibited in all City parks, the beach, Pier Plaza and other public spaces;
- 29 D. Access to play structures and exercise equipment in all City parks, the beach, and the
30 Greenbelt is hereby prohibited;
- 31 E. The City shall post signs at all City parks, the Greenbelt, the beach, Pier Plaza and the
32 Strand advising that:
- 33 I. COVID-19 is known to survive on various surfaces such as children's play
34 equipment, bathroom surfaces, tables, benches, railings, and other fixtures, for 72 or
35 more hours; and

1 II. Users of public spaces shall maintain social distance as prescribed by Beach Cities
2 Health District, as provided in Exhibit 1 attached hereto;

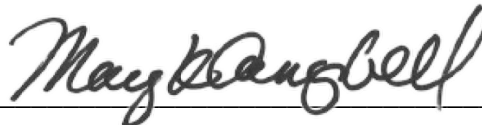
3 III. Users of public spaces with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection are
4 encouraged to isolate themselves at home and contact their health care provider or,
5 if they do not have a health care provider, the Los Angeles County Department of
6 Health to assist with receiving prompt diagnosis and care.

7 **SECTION 6.** Notice of the measures set forth in Section 5 shall be provided on the City's
8 website, on the City's social media platforms and by way of email notifications to all
9 restaurants, alcohol beverage establishments and snack shops in the City.

10 **SECTION 7.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and
11 enter it into the book of original resolutions.

12 **SECTION 8.** In order to prevent inconsistencies, the Director of Emergency Services may
13 suspend any part this Resolution in the event that the President of the United States, Congress,
14 Governor of the State of California or California State Legislature adopts any order or
15 legislation that is inconsistent with the actions directed in the Resolution.

16 **PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 16th day of March 2020.

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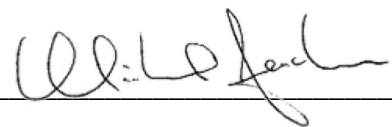
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19 **PRESIDENT** of the City Council and **MAYOR** of the City of Hermosa Beach, California

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22 **ATTEST:**

23 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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28 City Attorney