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**CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH  
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-01**

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE CITY  
MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF  
THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA,  
IMPLEMENTING EMERGENCY MEASURES TO  
PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

**SECTION 1. RECITALS**

- A. International, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named “SARS-CoV-2,” and the disease it causes which has been named “coronavirus disease 2019,” abbreviated COVID-19 (“COVID-19”).
- B. On March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Department of Public Health declared a local emergency and local public health emergency to aid the regional healthcare and governmental community in responding to COVID-19.
- C. On March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for a broader spread of COVID-19.
- D. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency and announced that the federal government would make emergency funding available to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19.
- E. On March 15, 2020, the Mayor Mary Campbell declared a local emergency to ensure an effective City response to COVID-19. At a special meeting on March 16, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 20-7230, approving and ratifying the declaration of emergency.
- F. On March 16, 2020, the Los Angeles County Public Health Officer issued an order countywide that (1) prohibited gatherings where at least 50 or more people are expected to attend, (2) puts limits and regulations on gatherings of

10-49 people, (3) limits restaurants to drive-through/takeout/delivery only, and (4) closes bars (that don't serve food), gyms, movie theaters, etc.

- G. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Health, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health have all issued recommendations including but not limited to strict adherence to social distancing guidelines, canceling or postponing group events, working from home, and other precautions to protect public health and prevent transmission of this communicable virus. Other counties throughout the state have similar directives.
- H. On March 19, 2020 the Los Angeles County Public Health Officer issued a second countywide order, the 'Safer at Home' Order, which was further clarified on March 21, 2020. This public health order prohibits all public and private group gatherings and events and requires people to stay in their homes with limited exceptions; and requires closure of all non-essential retail businesses, shopping centers, playgrounds for children, bars, nightclubs, movie theaters and all similar gathering places. The purpose of the order is to further restrict, and limit gathering of persons and require closures of non-essential retail businesses in an effort to stem or slow the spread of the virus.
- I. On March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of California, also issued Executive Order N-33-20, an Order of the State Public Health Officer ordering all individuals living in California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of outlined federal critical infrastructure sectors.
- J. During the term of the local emergency and statewide state of emergency, the Director of Emergency Services is empowered: "[to] make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency; provided, however, such rules and regulations must be confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the City Council. . ." under Section 2.56.050 A.(6)(a) of the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code.
- K. Failure to abide by public health directives is unsafe and dangerous in this unprecedented time of a worldwide health pandemic. Violations of or failure to comply is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.
- L. This Order is adopted pursuant to the City's police powers and powers afforded to the City in time of national, state, county and local emergency during an unprecedented health pandemic, such powers being afforded by the State Constitution, State law, and the Section 2.56.060 of the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code to protect the peace, health, and safety of the public, and to protect life and property as affected by the emergency.

**SECTION 2.** The following emergency orders are issued effective as of the dates set forth below:

1. Cancellation of non-essential large public events, senior and community programs, and limitations on public access to some City facilities (effective March 12, 2020).
2. Cancellation of P.A.R.K. After School Program (effective March 13, 2020).
3. Closure of City Hall (effective March 16, 2020).
4. Cancellation of Wednesday Farmers Market (effective March 18, 2020) and Friday Farmers Market (effective March 20, 2020).
5. Business License renewal dates extended to May 31, 2020 (effective March 25, 2020).
6. Parking Permit renewal dates extended to May 31, 2020 (effective March 25, 2020).
7. Parking citation unbilled late fees delayed until May 31, 2020 (effective March 25, 2020).
8. Parking citation DMV holds delayed until May 31, 2020 (effective March 25, 2020).
9. Temporary banner permit requirements waived through May 31, 2020 (effective March 25, 2020).
10. Closure of beach and Strand (effective March 27, 2020).
11. Closure of City parks on Easter Sunday (effective April 9, 2020).

**SECTION 3.** Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Order is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Order.

**SECTION 4.** Effective Date and Termination. This Order shall become effective immediately (the individual orders set forth in Section 2 above effective as of the dates listed above) and shall continue until the earlier to occur of: (1) the conclusion of the local emergency; (2) its termination is ordered by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services; or (3) it is duly terminated by the City Council. The Order may also be superseded by a duly enacted ordinance or order of the City Council expressly superseding this Order.

**ORDERED** by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Service this 22nd day of April, 2020.

**ATTEST:**



Suja Lowenthal, City Manager and  
Director of Emergency Services



Acting City Clerk