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

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021-14**

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**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE CITY  
MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF  
THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA,  
IMPLEMENTING EMERGENCY MEASURES TO REOPEN  
SAID CITY FACILITIES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**SECTION 1. RECITALS**

- A. All of the recitals in Hermosa Beach Director of Emergency Services Executive Order Nos. 2020-01, 2020-02, 2020-03, 2020-04, 2020-05, 2020-06, 2020-07, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-11, 2020-12, and 2021-13 remain in effect and incorporated herein by reference.
- B. On March 15, 2020, City of Hermosa Beach (“City”) declared a local emergency to ensure an effective City response to a respiratory disease which has been named “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.
- C. On March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of California, 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.
- D. The spread of COVID-19 is an unprecedented event that has required the City to act swiftly to protect the health and well-being of City residents. In order to prevent the community transfer of the disease and in response to State and County Health Officer orders, the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services issued several executive orders. The very first order, Executive Order No. 2020-01, required (among other things) the closure of City Hall and City facilities. Executive Order 2020-01 was confirmed by the City Council on April 28, 2021.
- E. Since then, the City’s response to COVID-19 has evolved in response to the prevalence of COVID-19 in the community and in accordance with State and County Health Officer orders.
- F. In May 2020, the County of Los Angeles established a roadmap to recovery from the coronavirus pandemic which included a phased approach for the safe

reopening of Los Angeles County. As part of this phased reopening strategy, the County eased health order restrictions on certain activities including in-person faith-based services and retail shopping at limited capacity, allowed specified lower risk businesses to reopen for curbside, door side, outdoor or outside pick-up, partially and conditionally re-opened public beaches and outdoor recreation areas for certain types of outdoor activities.

- G. On August 28, 2020, the State Health Officer issued a new order that set forth a framework intended to guide the gradual reopening of businesses and activities in the state while reducing the increased community spread of the disease. The framework is entitled, “California’s Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californians Healthy and Safe”. Under this framework, every county in California is assigned to a tier based on how prevalent COVID-19 is in each county and the extent of community spread—Purple (Widespread), Red (Substantial), Orange (Moderate) and Yellow (Minimal). The color of each respective tier indicates what sectors may reopen.
- H. On March 12, 2021, the County Department of Health issued a revised County Health Officer Order in light of increasing numbers of vaccinated individuals and the County’s move into the Red Tier, effective March 15, 2021. On April 2, 2021, the County entered the even less restrictive Orange Tier. As of May 4, 2021, the County is in the Yellow Tier—the least restrictive tier.
- I. The California Department of Public Health reports that cases continue to decline and more than half of persons in the state aged 16 and up have at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. However, the disease can still spread rapidly through person-to-person contact and among those in proximity to one another. Additionally, more contagious variants are present in the County. Thus, precautions such as social distancing measures and the use of face coverings are still very important for curbing the virus’s spread.
- J. This Order is issued 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. This Order is issued to balance the ability to continue safe and efficient government operations during the global health pandemic. As the health orders evolve, the City’s response should also evolve and emergency orders may be rescinded when they are no longer needed in response to the pandemic.

**SECTION 2.** The City Manager/Director of Emergency Services hereby enacts the following emergency measures:

- A. Section 2(1) of Executive Order No. 2020-01 with respect to City facilities is hereby rescinded.

1 B. Section 2(3) Executive Order No. 2020-01 is hereby rescinded.

2 C. Commencing May 17, 2021, the following City facilities shall reopen to members  
3 of the public by appointment only subject to the occupancy limits and other  
4 requirements set forth in "Appendix D: Office Based Protocols" of the Los  
5 Angeles County Health Officer's Order ("County Health Officer Order"), as the  
6 County Health Officer Order and Appendix D may be updated from time to time:

7 a. City Hall which houses the following City Departments: City Manager,  
8 City Clerk, Finance Administration and Cashiers, Community  
9 Development, Code Enforcement, Building Inspection, Public Works  
10 Administration and the Human Resources Department.

11 D. Commencing on July 1, 2021, the City's Community Center shall reopen to  
12 members of the public by appointment only subject to Appendix D of the County  
13 Health Order, as the County Health Officer Order and Appendix D may be  
14 updated from time to time.

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

19 **SECTION 4.** Effective Date and Termination. This Order shall become effective immediately  
20 and shall continue until the earlier to occur of: (1) the conclusion of the local  
21 emergency; (2) its termination is ordered by the City Manager/Director of  
22 Emergency Services; or (3) it is duly terminated by the City Council. The Order  
23 may also be superseded by a duly enacted ordinance or order of the City Council  
24 expressly superseding this Order.

25 **ORDERED** by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Service this 7th day of May, 2021.

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