

CITY OF MOORPARK EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-02

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF DISASTER SERVICES OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK IMPOSING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE CANCELLATION OF ALL REGULAR CITY COUNCIL, BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS, AND THE CLOSURE OF CITY CERTAIN PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

WHEREAS, international, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named “coronavirus disease 2019,” abbreviated COVID-19, (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California initially 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 broader spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Robert Levin, M.D., the Ventura County Health Officer, declared a local health emergency within the County of Ventura due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, also on March 13, 2020, the City Manager of the City of Moorpark, acting as its Director of Disaster Services, proclaimed a local emergency within the City of Moorpark on account of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the California Department of Public Health issued COVID-19 public health guidance related to self-isolation for older adults and those who have elevated risks, to further strengthen measures to address the state of emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Ventura County Health Officer issued an order to close many types of businesses, including bars and nightclubs that do not serve food, movie theatres, live performance venues, bowling alleys, arcades, gyms, fitness centers, aquatic centers, wineries, breweries, and tap rooms through April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the City Council of Moorpark adopted a resolution to ratify the Director of Disaster Services’ Proclamation of a local emergency within the City of Moorpark; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and the Ventura County Health Officer have all issued recommendations and/or orders emphasizing the crucial importance of limiting person-to-person contact to protect public health and prevent transmission of this communicable virus, including by practicing social distancing, staying home if sick, canceling or postponing large group events, working from home, and other precautions; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Ventura County Health Officer issued a shelter in place order requiring that all persons currently living within Ventura County to stay at their residences and to the extent persons are outside of their places of residency to, at all times as reasonably possible maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from one another.; and

WHEREAS, during this local emergency, and in the interest of protecting the public health and preventing transmission of COVID-19, it is essential to prevent public gatherings wherever possible;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 8634 and Moorpark Municipal Code Section 2.48.060 (C)(1), the Moorpark Director of Disaster Services has the authority to make and issue rules and regulations related to the protection of life and property as affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public peace, health, and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary for the City Council to exercise its authority to issue these regulations related to the protection of the public peace health, and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE DIRECTOR OR DISASTER SERVICES OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK DOES HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Cancellation of Regular Meetings of the City Council and City Boards and Commissions. Until the period of local emergency that has been declared in response to COVID-19 concludes, all regular meetings of Moorpark City Council and Moorpark City Boards and Commissions are cancelled, including but not limited to, meetings of the City Council, Arts Commission, Library Board, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Planning Commission.

SECTION 2. Closure of Parks and Recreational Facilities. Until the period of local emergency is declared in response to COVID-19 concludes, the City of Moorpark Skate park located at Poindexter Park, the City of Moorpark Dog Park located at Campus College View Park, all tennis and pickle ball courts at City parks, and park and recreation centers within the City will be closed. No members of the public shall enter any of the facilities within this section or recreational facility that is closed by this order.

SECTION 3. Violations. This Executive Order shall be punishable as set forth in Government Code Section 8665 and Chapter 1.10 of the Moorpark Municipal Code.

SECTION 4. Term. This Executive Order shall remain in effect until the local emergency declared in response to COVID-19 within the City is concluded. This Executive Order may also be extended or superseded during the period of local emergency by a duly enacted Ordinance of the City Council or by a further Order by the Director of Disaster Services.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Executive Order shall be effective immediately as of the date of this Executive Order.

SECTION 6. Severability. The Director of Disaster Services declares that, should any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Executive Order for any reason be held invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Executive Order. The Director Disaster Services hereby declares that it would have adopted

this Executive Order and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 7. Publication. The City Clerk shall certify to the approval of this Executive Order and shall cause notice of it to be disseminated to the public and be given widespread publicity and notice.

APPROVED and ISSUED this 20th day of March, 2020.



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Troy Brown, City Manager/  
Director of Disaster Services

ATTEST:



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Ky Spangler, City Clerk

