

**CITY OF ALISO VIEJO
PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, City of Aliso Viejo Municipal Code Section 2.40.060 empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City of Aliso Viejo is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session, and;

WHEREAS, threatening conditions to the safety, health, and well-being of persons have arisen both internationally and within the United States as a result of the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a novel communicable disease, which was first detected in December 2019; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United State, the Governor of the State of California, and the County of Orange have already declared that National, State, and local health emergencies exist; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health has released a recommendation to postpone or cancel all events involving 250 people or more; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California has released statewide guidance and recommendations urging the self-isolation of individuals 65 years of age or older and individuals with chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California has released statewide guidance and recommendations urging bars, breweries, nightclubs, wineries, and wine bars to temporarily close and urging restaurants and movie theaters to limit occupancy by fifty percent and to base dine-in seating on the 6-foot separation guidelines for social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has released recommendation that gatherings of more than 50 people be cancelled or postponed for the next eight weeks; and

WHEREAS, the Capistrano Unified School District has closed all schools effective March 16, 2020 through April 3, 2020 and Soka University has cancelled in-person classes effective March 11, 2020 through April 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aliso Viejo has postponed or cancelled all events and gatherings involving 50 people or more and has cancelled all recreation classes effective March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City's ability to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by the State and Federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the safety, health, and well-being of persons within the territorial limits of the City of Aliso Viejo is of the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency believes and has concluded that the current conditions of extreme peril warrant a proclamation of local emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE pursuant to Aliso Viejo Municipal Code Subsection 2.40.060(A)(1), I hereby proclaim the existence of a local emergency and direct the Emergency Organization of the City of Aliso Viejo to take the necessary steps for the protection of life, health and safety in the City of Aliso Viejo.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Emergency Organization of the City shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the City; and

I FURTHER DIRECT, that all City Departments shall review and revise their department emergency and contingency plans to address the risks COVID-19 poses to their critical functions; and

I FURTHER DIRECT, that all City Departments shall track costs for staffing, supplies, and equipment related to COVID-19 preparation and prevention; and

I FURTHER DIRECT, that the City's Emergency Organization shall coordinate citywide planning, preparedness, and response efforts regarding COVID-19 with the Orange County Department of Public Health and Orange County Emergency Management Division.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that the Proclamation of Local Emergency shall take effect immediately and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given said Declaration through the most feasible and adequate means of disseminating such notice throughout the City.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the Orange County Emergency Management Division to be forwarded to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance to State law; that the Governor of California pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in the City of Aliso Viejo; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that response and recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

Dated: 3-16-20

By: 
Director of Emergency Services

Attest: 
City Clerk

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