

**PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE NOVEL
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 8558 and 8630, *et seq.*, Health and Safety Code Section 101080, and Chapter 2.40 of the Carpinteria Municipal Code, empower the City of Carpinteria (“City”) Director of Emergency Services 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 when the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, named SARS-CoV-2 and the disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019” (“COVID-19”), causes infectious diseases and was first detected in China in December 2019 and has subsequently spread to the United States of America, including California; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is easily transmissible from person to person, including from asymptomatic persons, and has spread globally to over 159 countries, areas or territories, infected over 185,000 people, and killed more than 7,500 individuals, as of March 17, 2020, per the World Health Organization (“WHO”); and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath; and outcomes have ranged from mild to severe sickness and in some cases death. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) considers the virus to be a very serious public health threat; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, to formalize emergency actions already underway, and to help the state prepare the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the WHO declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Governor Newsom and California Department of Public Health officials recommended that non-essential gatherings should be postponed or cancelled across the state until the end of March, in order to implement social distancing guidelines intended to protect all individuals, particularly those who are at high risk of severe illness for COVID-19, and to slow further spread of COVID-19; and

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WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the County of Santa Barbara ("County") Local Health Officer declared a local health emergency exists in the County due to an imminent and proximate threat to public health, within the meaning of Section 101080 of the Health and Safety Code, by the introduction of COVID-19 in the County, and directed local agencies in the County to implement Governor Newsom's social distancing guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency and that the Federal government would make \$50 billion in emergency funding available to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the California Department of Public Health reported that as of this date there were 472 positive cases of COVID-19 and eleven deaths from the disease in California; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the County Public Health Department had reported two confirmed COVID-19 cases in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the California Department of Public Health and County Public Health Department directed all bars, nightclubs, pubs, breweries and wineries to close immediately; and restaurants and other food facilities offering on-site dining should immediately transition to only offering delivery or take-out service as part of the public health effort to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of a local emergency is necessary in order to utilize all resources necessary to respond to COVID-19 and receive any State and Federal assistance and funds that may be available; and

WHEREAS, the City has been expending resources and incurring costs to respond to COVID-19 since March 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to be a threat and creates conditions of extreme peril to the public health and safety of persons and property within the City, which are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City to combat; and


WHEREAS, the City Council of the City Carpinteria is not in session, but the City Council shall consider ratification of this Proclamation within seven days, at its Regular Meeting scheduled for March 23, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED THAT A LOCAL EMERGENCY NOW EXISTS IN THE CITY OF CARPINTERIA AND THAT:

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1. All the recitals set forth above are true, correct, and valid; and
2. This Proclamation invokes in the City of Carpinteria all powers and mechanisms set forth in the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code sections 8550, *et seq.*), Chapter 2.40 of the Carpinteria Municipal Code, and all other applicable Federal and State laws and City ordinances and resolutions to be used by authorized personnel of the City of Carpinteria; and
3. Copies of this Proclamation shall be posted on all outside public access doors of the City Hall and shall be provided to news media; and
4. A copy of this Proclamation shall be forwarded to the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with the State law; that the Governor waive any regulations that may hinder recovery efforts and that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act or any other State and Federal funds that may be available; and
5. This Proclamation of local emergency shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days, unless ratified by the City Council, and extended, or unless sooner terminated and upon termination of the State Emergency, shall be reviewed by the City Council, at least every thirty (30) days until the local health emergency is terminated.

Date: 3/18/20
Time: 11:40 a.m.



Dave Durlinger
City Manager / Director of Emergency Services
City of Carpinteria

