



CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS

City Manager

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Executive Orders

**Pursuant to Proclamation No. 20-03-18-01
Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency**

RE: NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, COVID-19

Issue Date: March 24, 2020

On March 18, 2020, in my capacity as the Director of Emergency Services (LHMC 2-32.060), I issued Proclamation 20-03-18-01 Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency in response to severe public health concerns and economic impacts relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, causes infectious disease and was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath; outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and, in some cases, death. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has indicated the virus is a significant public health threat, and States of Emergency have been declared by the County of Orange, the State of California and the federal government of the United States. On March 19, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20, which bans gatherings, public and private, and orders residents to stay at home at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, as defined, in order to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. Executive Order N-33-20 is enforceable pursuant to California law per Government Code Section 8665.

In order to comply with all applicable Public Health and Executive Orders and to protect public health in the City of Laguna Hills, the following Executive Orders are in effect until further notice:

8. Building Division Services are available on a modified basis. Building Division staff will conduct business by phone and email only.
9. Outdoor Building inspections and inspections of non-occupied spaces will continue with the application of the order of practicing social distancing. Building Inspections occurring within occupied spaces will be conducted on a case-by-case basis. The Building Official

- may utilize technology, including video-conferencing, for inspections. Certain inspections may also be conducted under self-certification, as determined by the Building Official.
10. Planning Services are available on a modified level. All plan check submissions and permit issuances will be conducted electronically.
 11. Volunteer Connection Day is canceled.

Additional Executive Orders may be issued at any time relating to this public health emergency. Additional Executive Orders are cumulative, and do not negate or reverse these Executive Orders contained herein unless explicitly stated.



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