

RESOLUTION NO. 20-5263

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A  
LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 8630 provides that a local emergency may be proclaimed by the governing body of a city; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) confirmed the first possible case of community spread of novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") in the United States, and since then, there has been a significant escalation of United States domestic cases of and deaths from COVID-19. The Health Officer of Los Angeles County determined that there is an imminent and proximate threat to the public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County, and declared a Local Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020 the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaimed the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, due to the expanding list of countries with widespread transmission of COVID-19, increasing travel alerts and warnings for countries experiencing sustained or uncontrolled community transmission issued by the federal CDC, the escalation of United States domestic cases of and deaths from COVID-19, and the identification of COVID-19 cases in California, including Los Angeles County, COVID-19 has created conditions that are or likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic, and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the mobilization of local resources, ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and allow for future reimbursement by the state and federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19.

The City Council of the City of West Hollywood does hereby find, order and resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of West Hollywood, caused by the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19").

SECTION 2. That the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency;

SECTION 3. That said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood, State of California. As required by law, the City Council shall review the need to continue the state of emergency every 60 days until this resolution is terminated.

SECTION 4. That effective Monday, March 16, 2020 West Hollywood City Hall will be open only for essential business and by appointment only.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to the authority prescribed by West Hollywood Municipal Code Section 2.80, the City Council hereby orders as follows:

a. All formal and informal organized and group activities, games and sports are hereby prohibited in all City parks; however, all City Dog Parks may remain open and patrons shall abide by social distancing standards.

b. High visibility signs shall be posted at all City parks advising that:

i. COVID-19 is known to survive on surfaces for 72 or more hours; and

ii. Specified social distancing measures shall be observed.

In order to prevent inconsistencies between any provision in this Section 5 and any federal, state or county order or legislation, the Director of Emergency Services may suspend implementation of any part of this Section 5 in the event that the President of the United States, Congress, Governor of the State of California, California State Legislature or County Board of Supervisors adopts any order or legislation that address the orders covered in this Section 5.

SECTION 6. Notice of the measures set forth in Section 5 shall be provided on the City's website, on the City's social media platforms and by way of email notifications to all restaurants, bars, and night clubs in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of West Hollywood; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of West Hollywood shall be those prescribed by law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the City of West Hollywood, and approved by the City Council. It is further proclaimed and ordered 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.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.



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MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CITY CLERK