

WEST HOLLYWOOD
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-7

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE CITY
MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, TO REOPEN
PARKS AND DOG PARKS

SECTION 1. RECITALS

- A. All of the recitals in West Hollywood Director of Emergency Services Executive Order Nos. 2020-2 and 2020-3 and 2020-4, remain in effect and are incorporated herein by reference.
- B. As of the date of this Order, the Governor has authorized some limited retail and outdoor recreation venues to reopen and the County of Los Angeles updated its Health Officer Order on May 13, 2020 to begin the move into stage 2 of the County's roadmap to recovery. The County has created individual reopening protocols for beaches, bike parks, car dealerships, car washes, community gardens, equestrian centers, golf courses, model airplane areas, outdoor museums and galleries, outdoor shooting facilities, residential swimming pools, substance use disorder and mental health support groups, tennis and pickleball courts, and trails. Following release of the guidelines, the City reopened the tennis courts through Executive Order 2020-4.
- C. The County Health Officer Order was updated again on May 26th, May 29th and June 11, 2020. The County has not created specific protocols for opening of parks. The revised June 11th Order (paragraph 15(i)) permits residents to engage in outdoor recreation activity in compliance with Social Distancing, subject to all applicable access or use restrictions to reduce crowding and the risk of COVID-19 transmission. As businesses and recreation activities reopen, the City has adopted a face covering requirement for all residents, in order to reduce transmission of the virus as more people engage in commercial and recreation activities (Executive Order 2020-4).
- D. During the pendency of the local emergency and statewide state of emergency, the Director of Emergency Services is empowered: "[to] make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency; provided, however, such rules and regulations must be confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the City Council. . ." under Section 2.80.060 A.(6)(a) of the West Hollywood Municipal Code.
- E. This Order is adopted pursuant to the City's police powers and powers afforded to the City in time of national, state, county and local emergency during an unprecedented health pandemic, such powers being afforded by the State

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Constitution, State law, and the Chapter 2.80 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code to protect the peace, health, and safety of the public, and to protect life and property as affected by the emergency, in that this Order begins a very limited reopening of recreation opportunities in accordance with guidance from public health officials and local measures to reduce spread of COVID-19 and prevent overcrowding. The County Safer at Home restrictions have been in place for more than two months and allowing parks and dog parks to reopen, subject to restrictions, will benefit the public by allowing for recreation opportunities as part of a gradual reopening based on guidance from public health officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul Arevalo, the Director of Emergency Services for the City of West Hollywood, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately, subject to ratification as soon as practicable by the City Council:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

SECTION 2. Emergency Measures.

A. The closure of city parks and dog parks in Executive Order 2020-2 is lifted and the city parks and parklets may reopen to the public, subject to compliance with the following guidelines:

1. Physical distancing of 6 feet between groups that are not part of the same household is required. Avoid crowded areas. Due to physical distancing requirements, organized group fitness classes and personal training sessions are not permitted in city parks.

2. Face coverings are required in accordance with Executive Order 2020-3.

3. Water fountains shall remain closed. Members of the public are encouraged to bring water from home.

4. Bathrooms will remain closed. Members of the public are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer or a zip bag with soapy water and wash cloth to wash hands before and after using the park.

5. All personal items and trash shall be removed before leaving the park.

6. Playground and exercise equipment shall remain closed.

B. Signs shall be posted at the entrances to the parks to notify the public of the above park use guidelines and to remind the public to not visit public parks if feeling sick and/or exhibiting any symptoms of illness.

C. The city's dog parks may reopen, subject to compliance with the following guidelines:

1. Face coverings are required in accordance with Executive Order 2020-3.

2. Balls, toys and any other shared animal equipment are not permitted.

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3. Physical distancing of 6 feet between groups that are not part of the same household is required. Avoid crowded areas.

4. Water stations shall remain turned off. Water and water bowls shall be brought from home.

5. All personal items and trash shall be removed before leaving the park.

D. Signs shall be posted at the entrances to the dog parks to notify the public of the additional dog park use guidelines

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this order is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this order.

SECTION 4. Effective Date and Termination. This Order shall become effective immediately and shall continue until the earlier to occur of: (1) the conclusion of the local emergency; (2) its termination is ordered by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services; or (3) it is duly terminated by the City Council. The Order may also be superseded by a duly enacted ordinance or order of the City Council expressly superseding this Order.

ORDERED by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Service this 15th day of June, 2020.

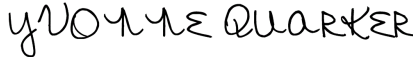
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