

WEST HOLLYWOOD  
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-12

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, IMPLEMENTING EMERGENCY MEASURES TO ORDER REOPENING OF CITY PARKS ADOPTED TO PREVENT THE FURTHER SPREAD OF COVID-19

SECTION 1. RECITALS

- A. All of the recitals in West Hollywood Director of Emergency Services Executive Order Nos. 2020-1, 2020-2, 2020-3, 2020-4, 2020-7, 2020-8, 2020-9, 2020-10 and 2020-11 remain in effect and are incorporated herein by reference.
- B. On July 23, 2020, the City Manager adopted Emergency Executive Order 2020-09, closing Plummer Park and West Hollywood Park, following numerous reports to City staff and the Sheriff's Department, that visitors of City parks have been witnessed not complying with park rules adopted to curb the spread of COVID-19. Visitors had reportedly failed to comply with the City's face covering requirement and have altered/and or destroyed protective barriers intended to keep playgrounds closed. The closures were intended to safeguard the public health and safety of City residents by ordering the closure of city parks where visitors have reportedly refused to comply with the State, County and local face covering requirements and social distancing measures that are intended to and have been demonstrated to help reduce community transmission of COVID-19.
- C. The Order was ratified by the City Council on August 3, 2020. In order to ensure adequate opportunities for outdoor recreation and fresh air, which are important during this time where individuals are encouraged to stay home as much as possible, the City began developing a limited reopening plan. The reopening plan provided opportunities for safe outdoor recreation, by creating a reservation system for individuals to reserve park space provided the visitors comply with park rules.
- D. Based on successful limited reopening of parks under Executive Order 2020-10, reported slowing of the spread of COVID-19 throughout the county and compliance with local park health guidelines, the City desires to lift the existing restrictions on West Hollywood and Plummer Park, while maintaining the optional park reservation system for park users desiring to reserve a socially distanced space at the park.

- E. Additionally, based on feedback from the business community, Executive Orders 2020-3 and 2020-11 should be clarified that the deferral of payment for parking credits applies to new and existing businesses.
- F. 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.
- G. 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 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 allows reopening of West Hollywood and Plummer Park, subject to park rules intended to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to clarify business relief measures that defer parking credit payments and allow new businesses to open quickly and support the local economy.

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. Plummer Park and West Hollywood Park will be reopened to public visitors as follows:

- i. Park visitors may access city parks as follows:
  - 1. Park recreation spaces are available for public use at Plummer Park and West Hollywood Park by optional reservation. The reservation spaces are located on the Vista Lawn and Fuller Lawn areas at Plummer Park and on the West Hollywood Park Great Lawn area.
  - 2. Reservation areas will be spray painted on the grass and numbered.
  - 3. Individuals can book a space in any location for a two hour block between 9am-7pm.

4. In addition to optional reservation spaces, park visitors may also use non-reserved park areas without a reservation for passive recreation on a drop-in basis. Use of all city parks, whether by reservation or on a drop-in basis, is subject to the following guidelines, which replace and repeal the guidelines in Executive Orders 2020-07 and 2020-10, and are subject to any other applicable city, county or state requirements:
  - a. Physical distancing of 6 feet between groups that are not part of the same household is required. Avoid crowded areas.
  - b. Organized activities and group fitness classes, yoga instruction, dog training and personal training sessions are not permitted in any city park, including neighborhood parks.
  - c. Face coverings are required under Executive Order 2020-03, and as may be amended.
  - d. Water fountains shall remain closed. Members of the public are encouraged to bring water from home.
  - e. Bathrooms remain closed.
  - f. Visitors shall leave the area clean and remove all personal items and trash before leaving park.
  - g. Playground and exercise equipment remain closed.
- ii. Dog parks and tennis operations will remain open, provided that the participants follow the applicable rules established for safe use of dog parks and safe tennis operations, as follows:
  1. The tennis courts in West Hollywood Park and Plummer Park are open, subject to compliance with the LA County “Tennis Reopening Guidelines” (which were last revised on 5/12/20). In accordance with City Manager Executive Order 2020-03, face coverings are required at all times except during singles play.
  2. Dog park visitors at all dog parks are subject to the following guidelines, which replace and repeal the guidelines in Executive Orders 2020-07 and 2020-10, and are subject to any other applicable city, county or state requirements:
    - a. Face coverings are required under Executive Order 2020-03 and as may be amended.

- b. Balls, toys, and any other shared equipment are not permitted.
- c. Physical distancing of 6 feet is required between groups that are not part of the same household. Avoid crowded areas.
- d. Water stations remain shut off.
- e. Visitors shall leave the area clean and remove all personal items and trash before leaving park.

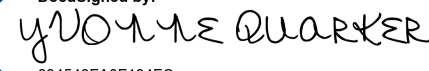
B. Executive Orders 2020-3 and 2020-11 are hereby clarified that the deferral of payment for parking credits applies to new and existing businesses. New businesses shall comply with all requirements for securing parking credits, except that the payment for the parking credits is deferred until December 31, 2020.

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 8th day of September, 2020.

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Paul Arevalo, City Manager and Director of  
Emergency Services  
City of West Hollywood

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