

WEST HOLLYWOOD  
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021-1

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE CITY  
MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF  
THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA,  
RESCINDING THE EXTENSION OF TIME TO POST  
HEARING NOTICES FOR PLANNING PROJECTS  
ADOPTED DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

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, 2020-11, 2020-12, 2020-13, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16 and 2020-17 remain in effect and are incorporated herein by reference.
- B. 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.
- C. On March 25, 2020, the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services issued his first Executive Order, Executive Order No. 2020-1, that implemented emergency measures to assist local City businesses through the COVID-19 crisis.
- D. On April 6, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 20-5267, ratifying Executive Order No, 2020-01 and implementing additional emergency measures intended to assist residents and businesses through this crisis. Among other measures, Resolution No. 20-5267 requires that, “The required time for all posted notices for planning projects shall be extended for ten (10) additional calendar days after completion of the standard posting time period stipulated in the Zoning Ordinance.”
- E. The City’s Zoning Ordinance requires a notice of public hearing for planning projects be posted within a specified time before the hearing. As a result of State and local “Safer at Home” health orders that required persons to remain in their homes to the extent possible, residents were no longer able to view posted City public hearing notices.

- F. More recent State and local health orders however, have loosened COVID-19 related restrictions to allow members of the public to *safely* engage in more activities outside out of their home.
- G. For example, on May 14, 2020, the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services issued Executive order No. 2020-3 that required all persons to wear face coverings when in public and away from their residence. On June 18, 2020, Governor Newsom along with the State Health Officer released mandatory guidance that requires Californians, subject to limited exceptions to wear face coverings when outside the home. In line with the mandatory guidance, the County Health Office issued an order on the same date to require all persons to wear a face covering over both the nose and mouth whenever they leave their place of residence and are or can be in contact with or walking near or past others who are non-household members in both public and private places whether indoors or outdoors.
- H. More recently on January 25, 2021, the California Department of Public Health ended the Regional Stay at Home Order, lifting the order for all regions statewide, including Southern California. This action allowed all counties to return to the Blueprint for a Safer Economy framework which uses color-coded tiers to indicate which activities and businesses can open based on local case rates and test positivity. With people once again leaving their homes and walking past public notice postings, the need for extra posting time no longer exists. This order will rescind the requirement for the extra 10-day notice.
- I. 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. This Order is adopted to balance the ability to continue safe and efficient government operations during the global health pandemic. As the health orders evolve, the city's response should also evolve and emergency orders may be rescinded when they no longer add value or are no longer needed in response to the pandemic.

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. Paragraph (C) of Section 3 of Resolution No. 20-5267 is hereby rescinded. Paragraphs (D) and (E) of Section 3 of Resolution No. 20-5267 are renumbered to (C) and (D) respectively.

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 \_\_ of February 2021.

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

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Yvonne Quarker, City Clerk

