

**CITY OF OJAI**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OJAI CONFIRMING THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' LOCAL EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE FURTHER ORDERS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE MARCH 13, 2020 LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION IN RESPONSE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons have arisen and continue to exist within the City of Ojai as the result of conditions surrounding the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has declared a State Health Emergency in response to the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic, if fully manifested, poses extreme peril to the health and safety of persons and property within the City and are, or are likely to be, beyond the control and capacity of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 468 empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Services did proclaim the existence of a local emergency within the City on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, and issued Executive Orders to protect public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Ojai ratified the proclamation of a local emergency on March 13, 2020 by adoption of Resolution No. 20-11; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 8, 2020 the City Manager issued Executive Order 20-02, included here as Exhibit A, acting as the Director of Emergency Services under Ojai Municipal Code section 3-1.06, to protect the public health and safety of persons and property within the City; and


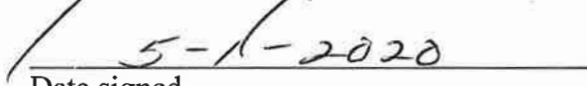
**WHEREAS**, Ojai Municipal Code section 3-1.06 empowers the City Council to confirm the Executive Orders issued to protect public health and safety.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Ojai that Executive Order 20-02 issued by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services under the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency is confirmed and hereby approved.


**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS** 14th day of April, 2020 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Blatz, Francina, Haney, Johnston, Weirick  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

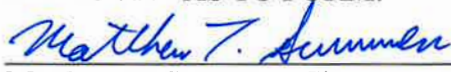
CITY OF OJAI, CALIFORNIA

By   
John F. Johnston, Mayor  
  
Date signed

ATTEST:

  
Gail Davis, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Matthew T. Summers, City Attorney

**DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-02**

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People’s Republic of China, causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease COVID-19 that has now spread globally;

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency in response to COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency to exist in California as a result of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Executive Order N-25-20 giving state and local public health officials the authority to issue guidance limiting or recommending limitations upon attendance at public assemblies, conferences or other mass events;

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Ventura County’s Public Health Department declared a local health emergency;

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency as a result of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, 25% of the residents of Ojai are over the age of 65 and at particular risk;

**WHEREAS**, Ojai Municipal Code section 3-1.05 states the City Manager is the Director of Emergency Services;

**WHEREAS**, Ojai Municipal Code section 3-1.06 gives the Director of Emergency Services broad authority (1) to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property, (2) to obtain vital supplies, equipment, and such other properties found lacking and needed for the protection of life and property, (3) to require and command emergency services, (4) to requisition the necessary personnel or materials of any City department or agency, and (5) to exercise all his or her lawful powers;

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, did proclaim the existence of a local emergency within the City on March 13, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council ratified the City Manager’s proclamation on March 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code section 8634 states, “During a local emergency the governing body of a political subdivision, or officials designated thereby, may promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property, including orders or regulations imposing a curfew within designated boundaries where necessary to preserve the public order and safety. Such orders and regulations and amendments and rescissions thereof shall be in writing and shall be given widespread publicity and notice.”

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, James Vega, City Manager of the City of Ojai, as Director of Emergency Services, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Government Code section 8634, Ojai Municipal Code section 3-1.05, and City Council Resolution No. 20-11, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. All approved land use and planning entitlements, building permits, and tentative, vesting tentative, and final tract maps expiring within the period of, or within 180 days after the end of the period of, this local emergency are automatically extended for a period of 180 days after their expiration or 180 days after the end of the local emergency, whichever is later. All deadlines related to an application for land use and planning entitlements, building permits, and tentative, vesting tentative, and final tract maps expiring within the period of, or within 90 days after the end of the period of, this local emergency are automatically extended for a period of 90 days after the deadline.
  
2. Effective April 10, 2020, any person shopping or working at a grocery store, restaurant, or other essential business under the County of Ventura's Stay Well at Home order within the City of Ojai shall wear a face covering over their nose and mouth while they are at the location. A face covering can include bandanas, scarves, or cloth masks. Employers are required to provide, pay for, or reimburse their employees for face coverings as needed to protect their employees. Residents should not purchase N95 or surgical masks, as these are limited resources needed for the healthcare community and first responders. This is intended to protect employees, customers and residents. A grocery store, restaurant, or other essential business may refuse admission or service to any individual who fails to wear a face covering as required by this order.
  
3. This Order shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk, posted at Ojai City Hall, and published in the Ojai Valley News.

**SO ORDERED.**

  
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Director of Emergency Services  
City of Ojai

April 8, 2020  
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Date signed

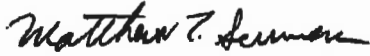
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