

**ORDER OF DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CERRITOS PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY CONCERNING THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

WHEREAS, Section 8630 of the California Government Code and Chapter 2.20 of the Cerritos Municipal Code authorize the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency concerning the actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within this City caused by conditions that include without limitation epidemics; and

WHEREAS, Actual or threatened conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen both internationally and within the United States as a result of the introduction of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a novel communicable disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Gavin Newsom, Governor of the State of California, proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California due to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health have declared a local and public health emergency in response to increased spread of coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Gavin Newsom, Governor of the State of California, issued an Executive Order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Donald Trump, President of the United States, issued a proclamation declaring a national emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the City's ability to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by State and Federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Cerritos is not in session; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the City of Cerritos declare the existence of a local emergency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** That a Local Emergency exists throughout the City of Cerritos; and

**SECTION 2.** That the City Manager, acting as the City's Director of Emergency Services and the Emergency Organization of the City are authorized and directed to take any necessary steps for the protection of life, health and safety in the City of Cerritos; and

**SECTION 3.** During the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Emergency Organization of this City shall be those prescribed by State law and the City's ordinances, resolutions, and approved emergency plans; and

**SECTION 4.** That all City Departments and services shall track costs for staffing, supplies, and equipment related to COVID-19 preparation and prevention and forward that information to the California and Los Angeles County Offices of Emergency Services (OES); and

**SECTION 5.** That the City's Director of Emergency services and the Emergency Organization of the City shall coordinate Citywide planning, preparedness and response efforts regarding COVID-19 with the California and Los Angeles County Offices of Emergency Services (OES), the local Operational Area (OA), and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health; and

**SECTION 6.** That the Local Emergency proclaimed in this resolution shall take effective immediately and that this proclamation shall expire in seven (7) days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified via resolution of the City Council; and

**SECTION 7.** That a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the California and Los Angeles County Offices of Emergency Services (OES) and to such other government agencies and officials as the City's Director of Emergency Services deems prudent or necessary; and

SO ORDERED.

  
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Art Gallucci, Director of Emergency Services

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Vida Barone, City Clerk/Treasurer

3-19-2020  
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Date signed