

**PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, Culver City Municipal Code Section 3.09.020.B empowers the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a Local Emergency if the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019, and has since spread globally to all continents except Antarctica, infecting more than 137,000 persons and killing more than 5,000 individuals worldwide; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), there were over 1,600 COVID-19 cases identified in the United States, including 247 reported cases in California. In Los Angeles County, there have been over 40 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with additional test results pending; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, as a result of the spread of COVID-19, the Governor of the State of California declared a State of Emergency, and the Los Angeles County Director of Public Health and the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors each declared a local health emergency on that same date; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, two confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported in the City of Culver City; and

WHEREAS, due to the expanding list of states and counties with widespread transmission of COVID-19, increasing travel alerts, the significant closure of schools and public facilities, the cancellation of large meetings, gatherings, sports activities and other community events throughout the country, the escalation of United States domestic cases of and deaths from COVID-19, and the identification of COVID-19 cases in California, Los Angeles County, and in Culver City, COVID-19 has created conditions that are or likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, the mobilization of local resources, ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and allow for future reimbursement by the state and federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Culver City is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session, and that the aforementioned conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate that the Director of Emergency Services proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the

Director of Emergency Services, that a Local Emergency exists in Culver City, and the Local Emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the City Council; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said Local Emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the City shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the City; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that all City Departments shall review and revise their Continuity of Operations Plans, in coordination with the Emergency Services Director, to address the risks COVID-19 poses to their critical functions; and shall coordinate all crisis communications to employees and the public with the City's Crisis Communications Team; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that all City Departments shall track costs for staffing, supplies, and equipment related to COVID-19 preparation and prevention, and be prepared to forward that information to the City's Finance Department; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management, to be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this Proclamation of Local Emergency shall take effect immediately and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given of this Proclamation throughout the City.

Date: 3/14/2020



John M. Nachbar, City Manager
Director of Emergency Services
City of Culver City, California