

**ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (HALF MOON BAY CITY MANAGER)
DIRECTING TEMPORARY BEACH AND BEACH PARKING AREA CLOSURES TO PREVENT THE
SPREAD OF COVID-19 OVER THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY WEEKEND**

WHEREAS, Section 2.25.060.A.1 of the Half Moon Bay Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to request the city council to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency if the city council is in session;

WHEREAS, HMB Municipal Code Section 2.25.060.A.6.a states that the Director of Emergency Services shall have the power during a proclaimed emergency to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency, provided that such rules and regulations are confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the city council;

WHEREAS on March 16, 2020, the County of San Mateo Health Officer ordered a shelter in place order, which was extended and revised on March 31, 2020, April 29, 2020, May 15, 2020, May 29, 2020, and June 4, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. C-2020-16 proclaiming that a local emergency now exists throughout Half Moon Bay as a result of the threat of the novel coronavirus (named "COVID-19" by the World Health Organization);

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-33-20, ordering all individuals in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except as outlined by the California Department of Public Health, during the COVID-19 pandemic for the preservation of public health and safety throughout California and to ensure that the healthcare delivery system is capable of serving all, including those at higher risk and the most vulnerable;

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo Health Officer, on June 17, 2020, rescinded the Shelter in Place Order but required the continued practice of Social Distancing and Face Covering Requirements;

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo has recently had an increase in new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations and as of June 29 there were 41 people hospitalized with COVID-19 in the County;

WHEREAS, other Bay Area counties are also experiencing an increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations;

WHEREAS, there was a surge of visitors to Half Moon Bay beaches on Memorial Day weekend in May with a majority ignoring face covering and social distancing regulations;

WHEREAS, the Fourth of July holiday weekend is a time when people from around the Bay Area gather in large numbers on beaches;

WHEREAS, these large public gatherings present an especially high risk for the community transmission of COVID-19, and the nature of such gatherings make observation and enforcement of required social distancing measures impractical and ineffective;

WHEREAS, this Order furthers Section 13.d of the San Mateo County Health Officer Order No. c19-11, which requires individuals to maintain at least six-foot social distancing from individuals who are not part of the same household or living unit;

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, the California State Parks implemented safety measures to reduce the density of visitors over the Fourth of July weekend (July 3-5) in the State Park System and closed vehicular access at all beaches in Marin, Monterey, Orange, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Sonoma counties;

WHEREAS, the closure of the City's beaches and beach parking areas, along with the portion of the Coastal Trail between Seymour Bridge and Kelly Avenue, is necessary to discourage travel to those beaches and to prevent unsafe crowding on the City's beaches and the Coastal Trail due to the closures of vehicular access at all state beaches in the County;

WHEREAS, this Order is needed to limit the person to person contact among non-household members that occurs annually at large public gatherings during this holiday weekend at beaches and to prevent opportunities for community transmission.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

SECTION 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein as if fully set forth, are true and correct, and are adopted as findings in support of this Order.

SECTION 2. Temporary Closure of Beaches, Beach Parking Lots, and portions of the Coastal Trail.

1. All City beaches and their parking areas, along with the portion of the Coastal Trail between Seymour Bridge and Kelly Avenue, are to be temporarily closed to the public as of sunrise on July 3, 2020, until sunrise on July 6, 2020.
2. Enforcement. Any person who violates this Section is subject to administrative citations under HMB Municipal Code Chapter 4.16.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, clause, or phrase of this Order is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or sections of the Order.

SECTION 4. This order takes precedence over ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Director of Emergency Services shall request that the City Council confirm this Order at the earliest practicable time.

7/1/20
Date

Bob Nisbet
Bob Nisbet, City Manager and
Director of Emergency Services