

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-41**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA DECLARING AND PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE AFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS AND THE EFFECTS AND IMPACTS UPON THE OPERATIONS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Huntington Park is responding to the spread of coronavirus disease, and now hereby finds that international, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of said respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus, also known and abbreviated as COVID-19, ("COVID-19"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Huntington Park is responding to the spread of coronavirus disease, and now hereby finds that international, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of said respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus, COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 4, Chapter 4, et seq. of the Huntington Park Municipal Code authorizes the City Council to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency, and further authorizes the City Manager with enumerated powers when the Governor or County has declared a state of emergency, which has been the case as discussed hereinabove as it relates to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Huntington Park remains vigilant with federal, state, and county official updates related to COVID-19 because information, orders, and directives continue to change on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Huntington Park hereby declares and proclaims the existence of a local emergency due to the COVID-19 virus, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Huntington Park hereby finds that conditions of extreme peril exists to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City caused by the COVID-19 virus, and;

**WHEREAS**, these conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of said City;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Huntington Park, and;

**SECTION 1: IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that 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, by local ordinances, and resolutions of this City; and the City seeks all services, financial assistance and other related aid provided for or made available by the County of Los Angeles, State of California or Federal Government.

**SECTION 2:** All individuals, organizations, and business entities are hereby required to comply and adhere to all federal, state, and local orders and directives within the City's jurisdiction and boundaries relating to COVID-19. Should subsequent federal, state, or county orders and directives be issued that promote various forms of social distancing to protect the most vulnerable from COVID-19, as well as to contain the spread of same, the more restrictive orders and directives shall apply.

**SECTION 3:** Notwithstanding any provision of the Huntington Park Municipal Code to the contrary, the City Manager, as the director of emergency services, in addition to the authority granted under emergency circumstances, has an increase in spending authority for emergency response needs in an amount up to \$30,000; and is authorized, without complying with the competitive bidding procedures, to execute any agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, if the agreement is related to emergency response needs pursuant to this Resolution. City Manager is required to subsequently make a report to City Council with information of related expenditures.

**SECTION 4:** As a result of the Emergency proclaimed by this Resolution, it is hereby found and determined that the following actions, services, restrictions or mandates are hereby ordered:

- Due to the current unforeseen circumstances of this emergency proclamation it is determined that City Hall and all departments provide essential services that are an intricate part of the social order, safety and well-being of the residents of the City of Huntington Park; and therefore, the City shall remain operational and perform all essential functions throughout the duration of this emergency without interruption.
- The Huntington Park Dial-A-Ride, H.P. Express Shuttle, Shuttles, Trolley and other related transportation services are hereby determined to be essential services. All Huntington Park Dial-A-Ride, H.P. Express Shuttles, Shuttle, Trolley and other related transportation personnel, including but not limited to drivers, administrative personnel, service and maintenance personnel, and management personnel, required to perform these essential functions provided by the City throughout the duration of this emergency without interruption.
- The City hereby waives the collection of fares for Shuttle Services to include H.P. Express Shuttles or related transportation services for their passengers.
- All Police and public safety services are deemed to be essential services. All Police and public safety employees or personnel are required to perform these essential functions provided by the City throughout the duration of this emergency without interruption.
- All Code Enforcement services are deemed to be essential services. All Code Enforcement employees or personnel are required to perform these essential functions provided by the City throughout the duration of this emergency without interruption.
- All Information Technology (IT) services are deemed to be essential services. All IT employees or contract personnel are required to perform these essential functions provided by the City throughout the duration of this emergency without interruption.
- The City will not shut off or reduce utility services within the control of the City for a lack of payment for a thirty (30) day period.
- The City will relax parking enforcement for street sweeping controls and provide flexibility in permitting vehicles to park within the "No Parking Times" on City streets only after the street sweeper has already swept/passed on that sweeping day. This directive shall not apply to parking violations related to illegal red curb parking, handicap parking or other egregious parking violations or continuous violations which occur after warnings have been given.

- The City shall ban all City-related travel for all employees until this directive has been withdrawn or lifted.
- Businesses located within the City of Huntington Park shall not engage in any activities which amounts to price gouging or where prices for goods, equipment or services exceed ten percent (10%) of market pricing for such goods, equipment or services which were in place prior to the COVID-19 emergency situation. Any price gouging activities should be reported to the City directly or through available City social media applications. The City shall have the right to close or take adequate measures upon the business if they are found to have violated this section after being warned.
- Huntington Park residents are directed to use reasonable efforts to avoid or not engage in hoarding activities or stocking up on food, essential life-necessary supplies or other goods or products other than those required to meet the immediate needs of the individual resident or their family.
- The City Manager shall have the authority to grant permission to City employees on a case-by-case basis to engage in telecommuting or remote working activities, so long as it does not hinder the operation(s) or ability to provide services under this emergency proclamation to be effective.
- To the extent reasonably possibly and feasible in a controlled environment, the City shall provide childcare services for those City employees impacted by school closures.
- To the extent legally possible, the City shall take a case-by-case basis State and County moratorium recommendations imposed for residential and commercial tenant evictions caused by the inability for tenants to meet their contractual obligations as a result of the COVID-19 circumstances.
- The Disaster Council shall be enacted and placed into effect consistent with Chapter 4-4.04, Emergency Preparedness, of the Huntington Park Municipal Code. In addition to those members identified by Section 4-4.03 of the HPMC, the Director of Emergency Services hereby appoints Councilmember Graciela Ortiz to serve as a member of the Disaster Council, which is hereby ratified by the City Council.
- The City Manager shall have the authority to establish and implement reasonable safety and security practices to ensure the safety of City personnel from those who might be contagious with COVID-19. This includes taking the temperature of City employees or patrons of City facilities within proper medical guidelines.
- The City shall impose and implement a loitering curfew throughout the City between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- Any and all actions taken consistent with or directed with this Resolution shall be reported back to the entire City Council weekly from the date of the adoption of this Resolution.
- All expenses or costs incurred by the City as a result of implementing and enforcing the directives set forth in the Resolution are subject to reimbursement by all available funding sources (emergency related or otherwise provided) by any Federal, State, County or other




governmental agency. These expenses shall include, but not be limited to, Police and Public Safety expenses, salaries and benefits of all employees, additional expenses incurred by the City from entities who provide contract services to or on behalf of the City, fuel and energy costs, transportation costs or expenses, and all other emergency related expenses, fees, costs or other expenditures.

- The City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, has all rights and authority vested in him pursuant to the Huntington Park Municipal Code.

**SECTION 5:** It is hereby 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 as prescribed by federal, state, and county law, as well as the laws, ordinances and resolutions of the City of Huntington Park.

**SECTION 6: SEVERABILITY.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, of this Resolution is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this Resolution, and each section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof, be declared invalid or unconstitutional. To this end, the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

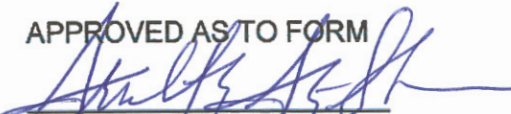
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

  
Karina Macias, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
M. Susan Crum, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

  
Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman  
City Attorney