

**EMERGENCY ORGANIZATION
CITY OF BELMONT, CALIFORNIA**

PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

An outbreak of respiratory illness known as COVID-19 first identified in China has now spread to more than 100 countries, including the United States, and to San Mateo County. COVID-19 spreads easily from person to person and experts anticipate that while a high percentage of individuals affected by the virus will experience mild flu-like symptoms, some will have more serious symptoms and require hospitalization, particularly individuals who are elderly or already have underlying chronic health conditions.

In response to the spread of COVID-19, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the disease a public health emergency of international concern on January 30, 2020, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) declared a public health emergency in the United States on January 31, 2020, the County of San Mateo declared a local emergency on March 3, 2020, and the Governor of California proclaimed a state of emergency on March 4, 2020. The WHO assessed COVID-19 to be a pandemic on March 11, 2020 and the President of the United States declared a National Emergency on March 13, 2020.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the San Mateo County Health Officer have issued guidance and orders to prepare for and respond to the spread of COVID-19. On March 16, 2020, the San Mateo County Health Officer issued an order prohibiting among other things all non-essential gatherings of any number of individuals and directing all businesses and governmental agencies to cease non-essential operations.

The rapid spread of COVID-19, and the measures needed to mitigate the disease, threaten to impair city government operation and delivery of essential services should employees be exposed or be suspected of being exposed to the disease, and may necessitate that the city request mutual aid under the California Emergency Services Act.

COVID-19 is causing a world-wide economic slowdown that is fiscally impacting the city. The city anticipates substantial revenue loss from transient occupancy tax, sales tax, property transfer tax, business license tax, gas tax, and regulatory fees due to declining local economic activity. The city will also experience loss of users fees as recreation programs are curtailed to help prevent the spread of the disease.

The city also anticipates that the residential and business communities may need economic assistance and services to mitigate impacts from COVID-19 that exceed the capacity of city resources.

For all of these reasons, I find the conditions in Government Code Section 8558(c) and Belmont City Code Section 8-42, relating to the proclamation of a local emergency, have been met. At this time, the Council is not in session.

THEREFORE, I, AFSHIN OSKOUI, Director of Emergency Services for the City of Belmont, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Government Code Section 8630 and Belmont City Code Section 8-46, **PROCLAIM A LOCAL EMERGENCY** exists now throughout the city. This proclamation will terminate after seven days unless ratified by the city council.

During the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the director of emergency services and the city emergency organization are those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions of the city council and the city's emergency plan.

The City of Belmont requests that the Governor of California include the city in state emergency declarations and that the city be included in federal emergency declarations, that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder the response and recovery efforts, and make available to the City of Belmont and all eligible community members, businesses and service providers all relevant state and federal disaster assistance funds including California Disaster Assistance Act and State Private Nonprofit Organization Assistance Program funds.

In accordance with Government Code Section 8634 and Belmont City Code Section 8-46, for the duration of the emergency, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

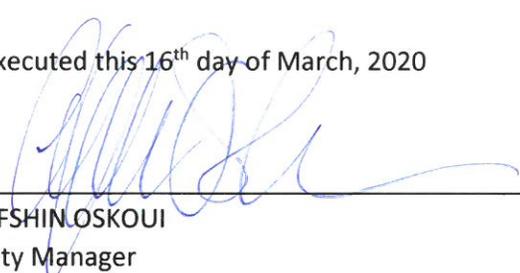
1. All persons on city property are directed to comply with the public health orders and guidance of the County of San Mateo Health Officer. This order incorporates by reference Order of the Health Officer issued March 16, 2020, and as may be further revised by the Health Officer, prohibiting all non-essential gatherings and directing all non-essential business and government activity to cease.
2. Persons doing essential business with the city are requested to the extent practical to conduct business remotely using technology (phone, email, etc.).
3. Employees, persons doing essential business with the city, and visitors to city facilities must comply with Health Officer "Social Distancing Requirements" including maintain 6 feet of social distance at all times and frequent hand washing and surface cleaning.
4. All in-person essential gatherings organized by the city or taking place on city property that cannot practically comply with Health Officer "Social Distancing Requirements" should be rescheduled as virtual meetings to the extent possible.
5. Essential gatherings on city property of more than 10 people are strongly discouraged.
6. A "gathering" is any event or convening that brings together or is likely to bring together 10 or more persons at the same time in a single room or other single confined or enclosed indoor or outdoor space.
7. Persons experiencing flu-like symptoms or fever are prohibited from entering or remaining at city facilities while experiencing symptoms. All persons who test positive for COVID-19 are prohibited from entering or remaining at city facilities until they are determined by a medical professional to no longer be contagious. The prohibitions in this paragraph do not apply in cases

of emergency where no practical alternative to entering or remaining on city facilities exist and all practical measures reasonably available are taken by the infected person to prevent the spread of the disease.

I FURTHER DIRECT that the order of succession in the absence or incapacity of the director of emergency services or that of the then acting director next in line, is as follows:

- a. The assistant director of emergency services (Police Chief)
- b. Finance Director
- c. Parks and Recreation Director

Executed this 16th day of March, 2020



AFSHIN OSKOU
City Manager
Director of Emergency Services

