



Glendale Public Order No. 2020-12

Under City of Glendale Emergency Authority

Issue Date: July 30, 2020

Ratification and Incorporation of Los Angeles County Public Health Officer Orders

Whereas, on March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Glendale, pursuant to Glendale Municipal Code Chapter 2.84, declared a local emergency. This was necessitated by the growing concern over the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a severe acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus. Symptoms of the virus include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and infected individuals have experienced a range of outcomes, from mild sickness to severe illness and death. The number of confirmed cases has continued to escalate dramatically over a short period of time. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises us that COVID-19 spreads easily from person to person and has issued guidelines recommending that the public adopt policies and routines to enable social distancing wherever possible. In addition, on March 16, 2020, the City Council also ordered the closure of and limitation of access to certain public establishments;

Whereas, the City of Glendale has redoubled its efforts to maintain hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and social distancing. It is absolutely critical that we as a City do everything we can to slow the pace of community spread and avoid unnecessary strain on our medical system. To aid in our efforts, under the emergency authorities vested in the Director of Emergency Services pursuant to Chapter 2.84 of the Glendale Municipal Code, to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency, it is ordered that a series of temporary restrictions be placed on certain establishments throughout the City of Glendale in which large numbers of people tend to gather and remain in close proximity;

Whereas, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Health declared a local and public health emergency in response to increased spread of coronavirus across the country; and on March 19, 2020, issued a Safer-at-Home Emergency Order, which has subsequently been amended a number of times with the most recent amendment on July 18, 2020, called the Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19 ("County Order");

Whereas, since the issuance of the County Order, the Los Angeles County Health Officer has issued a number of revisions which have increased activities in certain areas and limited activities in other areas;

Whereas, consistent with both the State of California and County findings relating to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases, the City of Glendale has similarly issued a number of public orders to respond to the pandemic surge and to aid in reducing the number of reported cases and keeping Glendale citizens safe;

Whereas, staying at home is the best way to flatten the curve and protect oneself, one's family, and the entire community from COVID-19, and the County Order's intent is to continue to ensure that residents remain in their residences as much as practicable, to limit close contact with others outside their household in both indoor and outdoor spaces; to encourage persons who can telework or work from home should continue to do so as much as possible during this pandemic; to prohibit gatherings of people who are not part of a single household or living unit, except for the limited purposes expressly permitted by the County Order;

Whereas, the intent of this Public Order of the Glendale Director of Emergency Services ("Public Order") is to:

- a. Keep the maximum number of people in their residences to the maximum extent feasible, consistent with protecting their own health and the health of others, while enabling essential activities, government services, and business to continue;
- b. Significantly slow the spread of COVID-19;
- c. Reduce COVID-19 virus infections, COVID-19 illness, and death caused by COVID-19 and its complications;
- d. Protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Glendale and other individuals located in Glendale;
- e. Allow essential activities, businesses, and government services to operate and be delivered safely; and
- f. To preserve a sphere of personal freedom by allowing outside recreational activities under conditions designed to minimize health risks;

Whereas, the County Order allows persons to engage in all permitted activities as defined therein, but requires that persons practice Social (Physical) Distancing, at all times while out in public and wear a cloth face covering over both the nose and mouth when in or likely to be in contact with others, to lower the risks of person-to-person contact for themselves and others;

Whereas, there remains a strong likelihood of a significant and increasing number of cases of community transmission, when individuals who contract the virus causing COVID-19 have no symptoms or have only mild symptoms, and so are unaware that they carry the virus and are transmitting it to others, and for such reasons, the County of Los Angeles Health Officer continues to prohibit social gatherings within the county;

Whereas, in the County Order, pursuant to Sections 26602 and 41601 of the California Government Code and Section 101029 of the California Health and Safety Code, Los Angeles County's Health Officer has requested that the Los Angeles County chiefs of police ensure compliance with the enforcement of the County Order, and the violation of any provision of the County Order constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment or both.

Now therefore, by virtue of the authority granted pursuant to Chapter 2.84 of the Glendale Municipal Code, the Director of Emergency Services issues the following order, effective immediately, and until the end of the state of emergency within the City of Glendale:

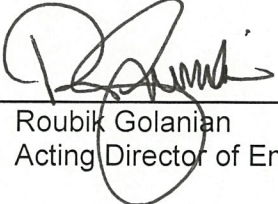
Section 1. This Public Order is issued based on the increasing number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the City of Glendale, and throughout the region and intended to provide the City with additional tools to enforce the County Order. Scientific evidence and public health practices show that the most effective approach to slowing the community transmission of COVID-19 is through social (physical) distancing, limiting social gatherings to only those within one's immediate household, and wearing a face covering over the nose and mouth. The age and health of a significant portion of the population of the City of Glendale, places thousands of residents at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19.

Section 2. All businesses must implement social distancing measures for customers, visitors, and employees that provide a six-foot buffer, to the extent possible, between individuals. All customers and visitors must wear face coverings over their noses and mouths to provide additional protection for employees and customers. A business owner or operator may refuse admission or service to any individual who fails to wear face coverings as required by this Public Order. Additionally, all retail businesses are encouraged to install plexiglass to separate cashiers and customers at all points of sale.


Section 3. Any violation of the County Order, as it may be amended by the Los Angeles County Health Officer from time to time, shall be a violation of this Public Order and thereby a violation of the Glendale Municipal Code. Any violation of this Public Order may be referred to the Office of the City Attorney for prosecution under Glendale Municipal Code Chapter 1.20, which provides for fines not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed six months. Each individual officer should use his/her discretion in enforcing this order and always keep the intent of the order in mind. Violations may also be enforced by the provisions of Glendale Municipal Code Chapter 1.24, which shall provide, along with other enforcement mechanisms set forth therein, for fines of \$400 for the first citation, \$1,000 for the second citation, and \$2,000 for the third citation.

Day of July 30th, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

By: 
Roubik Golanian
Acting Director of Emergency Services

Approved as to Form:
MICHAEL J. GARCIA, CITY ATTORNEY

By: 
Title: City Attorney
Date: 7/30/2020