

CITY OF SEAL BEACH

**EIGHTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE
OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

WHEREAS, City of Seal Beach Municipal Code Section 3.25.020 empowers the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said city is affected or likely affected by a public calamity and to issue orders necessary to respond to the local emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the City Manager/Emergency Services Director of the City of Seal Beach proclaimed a local emergency to help the City and the region prepare for and respond to the public health crisis created by the spread of the COVID-19 virus, which proclamation was ratified by the City Council on March 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States also declared a national emergency, joining the State of California and the County of Orange in making resources available to fight the spread of the virus and imposing or suggesting certain restrictions; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the President requested that people avoid non-essential travel and congregating in groups of 10 or more, among other precautions; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom has issued an Order that all persons “stay at home” with certain limited exceptions and for persons to comply with “social distancing” requirements when out in public; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager previously ordered, and the City Council has confirmed, the closure of beaches, tennis courts, parks, and other recreational facilities in the City to prevent gatherings and slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as the State and Orange County move forward with re-opening plans, the City of Seal Beach has partially re-opened beaches, Gum Grove Park, the San Gabriel River Bike Path, and tennis courts to active, non-gathering uses; and

WHEREAS, as Seal Beach residents comply with social distancing and good hygiene rules, the City is able to continue to open public facilities in a limited, phased, and adaptive way; and

WHEREAS, this Eighth Supplement to the Proclamation of Local Emergency is necessary to protect public health, safety, life and property in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jill R. Ingram as City Manager and Director of Emergency Services for the City of Seal beach, do hereby issue the following order:

1. Effective at sunrise on June 9, 2020 all beaches shall be open for normal active and passive beach uses, including recreational uses such as volleyball. All beach users shall avoid large gatherings and shall comply with social distancing requirements of State and County health orders. The Marine Safety Department and the Police Department are authorized to enforce

social distancing requirements on the beach as necessary to protect public health. Beach parking lots shall be open for full use. Persons shall not loiter or gather in the beach parking lots.

2. Effective at sunrise on June 9, 2020 and for normal hours of opening thereafter, the Seal Beach Pier shall be open. All pier users shall comply with social distancing requirements of State and County health orders.

3. Passive use of Gum Grove Park shall be permitted during normal park hours.

The Seal Beach Police and Marine Safety Departments will enforce the times and requirements of this Supplemental Order. Those who violate any provision of this or any other Supplemental Order, may be cited and/or arrested for a misdemeanor violation, which carries a possible fine of up to \$1,000 and/or jail time under Seal Beach Municipal Code § 3.25.030 B – CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER – Prohibitions. Restrictions have been put in place to encourage and maintain social distancing, protect all members of the Seal Beach community, protect City staff, and to help stop the spread of COVID-19 infection.

If it is determined that any action permitted in this Order is attracting or encouraging large gatherings or creating an environment whereby social distancing cannot be maintained, the City will reassess and consider reverting to a previous phase that corresponds with the current public health guidelines, or closing the park or path until compliance can be attained.

4. The City will continue to monitor COVID-19 virus spread, State, County, and CDC recommendations, and the impact of the required measures and, as needed, may revisit, repeal, extend, expand, or otherwise modify part or all of this Supplemental Order.


5. Any violation of this or other Orders shall be punishable as a violation of Seal Beach Municipal Code Section 3.25.030 and other applicable laws.

6. City staff are authorized to take necessary steps to prepare for and implement this Supplemental Order as directed by their Department Heads.

7. All provisions of any previous Order that are inconsistent with this Supplemental Order are hereby repealed. This Supplemental Order does not open any City facility not specifically mentioned herein.

8. This Order is subject to review and ratification by the Seal Beach City Council as soon as practical.

Effective Date: June 9, 2020

By: 
Jill R. Ingram
City Manager and Director of Emergency Services
City of Seal Beach