

**CITY OF SEAL BEACH**

**SEVENTH 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 moves into Phase 2 of the State re-opening plan, 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 seventh 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. Phase Two of the City’s Gum Grove Park Reopening Plan shall go into effect at sunrise on May 22, 2020. Gum Grove Park shall be open during daylight hours seven days a week for active, non-gathering recreation uses only.

**Phase Two PERMITTED ACTIVITIES in Gum Grove Park - Active, Non-Gathering Uses Only:**

- Comply with social distancing requirements of State and County health orders.
- Masks or cloth face coverings are recommended when in the vicinity of others.
- The Park is open to active, non-gathering recreation only (walking, running, biking, hiking, dog walking, photography, bird watching, etc.) where the participant keeps moving.
- Parking is permitted at both park entrances off Avalon Drive and Seal Beach Blvd. at Herron Point.

**Phase Two PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES in Gum Grove Park - No Passive Use, Loitering, Picnicking, or Gatherings:**

- No gatherings of any kind, games, loitering, standing, stopping, sitting, picnicking, or other passive activities.
- No sitting, lying on park grounds, and no chairs, coolers or tables are permitted.
- Benches and drinking fountains will be closed.
- No person is permitted in the park after sundown.

2. Phases Two and Three of the City's "Beach in Motion" Plan shall be in effect at sunrise on May 21, 2020. City beaches will be open from 4:30 am to sunset, seven days a week for active, non-gathering recreation uses only. This first phase will be in effect until terminated, or until Phase Four is warranted and can be implemented.

**PERMITTED ACTIVITIES on the Beach - Active, Non-Gathering Uses Only:**

- Comply with social distancing requirements of State and County health orders.
- Beaches and ocean are open to active, non-gathering recreation only (walking, running, swimming, surfing, paddle boarding, skim-boarding, kayaking, fishing, kiteboarding etc.) where the participant keeps moving along the beach or in the ocean.
- Parking with a vessel trailer/rack in boat launch lots only (Sunset Aquatic Park).
- Parking will be permitted in designated areas of the 1st, 8th, and 10th Streets beach parking lots, with 50% of the parking spaces closed to maintain social distancing requirements.

**PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES on the Beach - No Passive Use, Games or Gatherings:**

- No gatherings of any kind, games, loitering, sunbathing, or other passive activities.
- No beach towels, blankets, easy-ups, tents, umbrellas, ice chests, etc.
- No sitting or lying on the beach.
- No setting up chairs and staying in place.
- No picnics, coolers, or tables.
- No use of the beach between sunset and 4:30 am the next morning.
- The Seal Beach Pier remains closed.

The Seal Beach Police Department will enforce the times and requirements of this Supplemental Order. Those who violate any provision of this Supplemental Order, or any other, 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 on park and bike path activities are 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.

These are adaptive re-opening plans and subsequent phases will be enacted as warranted and on a trial basis. The City will advance to the next phases only if the City Manager and Chief of Police believe the activities in each phase can be managed to comply with the then-current directives regarding social distancing and large gatherings. If it is determined that any phase 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.

3. 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 to protect the public's health and safety.

4. 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. Vehicles parked in parking lots in violation of this Order may be ticketed and/or towed.

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

6. 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.

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

Effective Date: May 21, 2020

Time: Sunrise or as noted herein.

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