

**CITY OF MENLO PARK DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/CITY MANAGER
EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2**

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stated that based on current information a novel coronavirus named “COVID-19” is a serious public health threat;

WHEREAS, a complete clinical picture of this respiratory disease is not yet fully understood, though it is highly contagious;

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, and pursuant to Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, the San Mateo County Health Officer (“Health Officer”) declared a local health emergency throughout San Mateo County related to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a state of emergency to help the state prepare for the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Health Officer issued a statement on March 10, 2020, that evidence exists of widespread community transmissions of COVID-19 in San Mateo County; WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors ratified and extended the declaration of a local health emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 constituted a world pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the City Council of the City of Menlo Park declared a local emergency based on the current COVID-19 world pandemic and empowered the Director of Emergency Services to take all necessary actions;

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the Health Officer prohibited all public or private gatherings of 50 or more people and urged the cancelation of all gatherings of 10 or more people in a single confined space;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Health Officer issued an order that, among other things, directs all individuals currently living within San Mateo County to shelter in their place of residence (“Shelter-in-Place Order”), and authorizes individuals to leave their residences only for certain “Essential Activities”, “Essential Governmental Functions,” or to operate “Essential Businesses,” all as defined in the Shelter-in Place Order;

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8634 empowers the Director of Emergency Services to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property;

WHEREAS, during the existence of this local emergency, pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 2.44, the City Manager as Director of Emergency Services is empowered to

make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency.

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order No. N-33-20 ordering all individuals in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors;

WHEREAS, the Governor empowered local cities to take actions to preserve and protect the health and safety of their communities in light of their own circumstances;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to do what it can to help slow the spread of COVID-19, reduce the load on local hospitals and emergency rooms, prevent unnecessary deaths, and preserve limited resources in order to allocate them to the most critical projects; and


NOW, THEREFORE, the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services does hereby make the following order:

1. Public Facilities Closures. For the duration of the local emergency, the following public facilities shall be closed to the public: City Hall; Arrillaga Family Recreation Center; Arrillaga Family Gymnasium; Arrillaga Family Gymnastics Center; Burgess Pool; Belle Haven Pool; Onetta Harris Community Center; Menlo Park Senior Center; Menlo Park Main Library and Belle Haven Branch Library; all public restrooms and playgrounds located in all public parks; Burgess Park skate park; all public tennis courts, and all public basketball courts.

2. Effective date. This order shall be effective immediately and shall terminate upon the earlier of (1) Director of Emergency Services order or (2) cessation of local emergency.

3. Enforcement. This order shall be enforceable as a misdemeanor as provided in Menlo Park Municipal Code Section 2.44.110.

Dated: 3/27/2020

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 Director of Emergency Services

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 Interim City Attorney