DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/CITY MANAGER EMERGENCY ORDER NO.7

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;

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, on March 10, 2020, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors ratified and extended the declaration of local health emergency;

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 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 COVID-19 world pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the Health Officer prohibited all public or private gatherings of 50 of 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, directed all individuals currently living within San Mateo County to shelter in their place of residence (“Shelter-in-Place Order”), and authorized 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, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issue 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, on April 29, 2020, the Health Officer modified the Shelter-In-Place to continue through May 31, 2020, but allowed some businesses to open and some low-risk activities to resume, subject to social distancing and health/safety protocols;

WHEREAS, the State prepared a resilience roadmap to safely reopening that identifies four stages to reopening: stage 1 (safety and preparedness), stage 2 (lower risk workplaces), stage 3 (higher risk workplaces), and stage 4 (end of stay at home order) and has identified that the state is currently in stage 2;
WHEREAS, on June 4, 2020, the Health Officer further modified the Shelter-In-Place order to eliminate the May 31, 2020 expiration and to expand the list of permitted activities to include indoor and outdoor pools, outdoor recreation areas, and outdoor shared recreation facilities that are actively monitored and managed;

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, to be consistent with the state’s resilience roadmap, the Health Officer issued a new order that rescinded the Shelter-In-Place Order, subject to continued adherence to face covering requirements;

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 in the City of Menlo Park as affected by such emergency.

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

1. Effective 7:00 a.m. on June 25, 2020, Order Number 2 is hereby modified and superseded by this Order No. 7.
2. In addition to those public facilities opened by Order No. 6, the following public facilities may re-open to the public: Burgess Park skate park; all public tennis courts, and all public basketball courts and public restrooms associated with re-opened facilities.
3. Facility users shall adhere to applicable State and County required social distancing precautions, including but not limited to wearing face covering.
4. The City Manager reserves the right to modify this order.

Dated: __________________    _____________________________
City Manager

Approved as to Form:
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Interim City Attorney