



CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE

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March 19, 2020

Dear Resident and Business Owner,

I would first like to thank you for being a part of our beautiful community of South El Monte. On behalf of myself and the City Council, I would like to express your patience and understanding during this difficult time, with so many uncertainties with this COVID-19.

Our city will continue to monitor and implement all recommendations with its critical service partners. These measures will ensure that the South El Monte City community has access to the resource and services it needs now, and in the future.

We have a response plan that is being updated daily. You can also find on our website, our Resolution 20-24 with detailed facts as to what our city and our local partners are doing to keep open communication to the Public to help serve your needs.

While the Los Angeles Public Health Department has imposed new gathering restriction, please continue to support those businesses in South El Monte restaurants that offer delivery and take-out services. Grocery Stores and pharmacies are open as well.

We remain available to address any questions or concerns you may have. Please feel free to call City Hall at (626) 579-6540 during regular business hours or email rbarbosa@soelmonte.org or rsalas@soelmonte.org. We encourage you to direct your attention to our social media [cityofsouthelmonte](https://www.facebook.com/cityofsouthelmonte) which will have extensive information for important resources and updates.

As we lean on each other in a small town to overcome this challenge, I hope that we will all help to take care of our neighbors, especially our most vulnerable seniors. Where many of us know one another, let's stand together to support the City of South El Monte to get us through this crisis.

Wishing Much Health and Wellness,

Gloria Olmos
Mayor of South El Monte

RESOLUTION NO. 20-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL
RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN
RESPONSE TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, in December, 2019, an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubie Province, China; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention considers COVID-19 to be a very serious public health threat with outcomes ranging from very mild (including some with no reported symptoms) to severe, including illness resulting in death; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, there is no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 and there is no specific antiviral treatment recommended for COVID-19 at this time; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern over the global spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a Public Health Emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health has activated its Medical and Health Coordination Center, and the Office of Emergency Services recently activated the State Operations Center to provide support and guide actions to preserve public health; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency for the State of California; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the County of Los Angeles declared a Local Health Emergency in response to increased spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a "pandemic";

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20 regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a National State of Emergency in response to increased spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-28-20 authorizing local jurisdictions, in the exercise of their police power, to impose substantive limitations on residential or commercial evictions related to financial impacts caused by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the City of South El Monte, but COVID-19 is easily transmissible from person to person and as of March 13, 2020, has spread globally to over 122 countries and territories, has infected more than 130,000 individuals and killed more than 4,000 individuals per the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases within the City, and to prepare to respond to an increasing number or individuals who may require medical care; and

WHEREAS, strict compliance with certain Municipal Code and other City regulations would prevent, hinder, or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19, which issue cannot be timely addressed absent a declaration of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the mobilization of local resources, ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and allow for future reimbursement by the state and federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19, the City may require additional assistance in the future, and proclamation of local emergency allows additional resources to flow to the City in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, per Government Code section 8630 a declaration of a local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, South El Monte Municipal Code, Section 2.60.606 empowers the Mayor to issue an emergency proclamation when the City Council is not in session, and in any event to be ratified by the City Council within seven days; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, out of an abundance of caution to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community, the Mayor of the City of South El Monte proclaimed a local emergency due to the public health threat caused by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation found that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of South El Monte and that these conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of South El Monte;

WHEREAS, after consideration of all facts reasonably available presently for review and all items, the City Council now desires to ratify the existence of a state of local emergency to make additional resources available to address the effects of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SOUTH EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of South El Monte, caused by the effects of COVID-19.

SECTION 2. The aforementioned conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency by the City, as the means to resolve the conditions of extreme peril will probably exceed the capability of the City.

SECTION 3. The City Council does hereby ratify and confirm the March 12, 2020 declaration of a local emergency by the Mayor.

SECTION 4. The Director of Emergency Services is hereby authorized to waive any and all parking citations and street sweeping citations related COVID 19 impacts.

SECTION 5. During the existence of the local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the Disaster Council of this City shall be those prescribed by State Law, Chapter 2.60 of the South El Monte Municipal Code including but not limited to powers and duties enumerated at Section 2.60.060, and ordinances and resolutions of this City, and approved plans of the City in order to mitigate the effects of the local emergency. In addition to the powers, functions, and duties already prescribed above, the Council desires to make clear the powers, functions, and duties include:

(a) As necessary for the public health, life, and property, entering into contracts to arrange for the procurement of materials, goods, and services needed to assist in preparing for, containing, responding to, mitigating the effects of, and recovering from the spread of COVID-19. Applicable provisions of the Government Code and the Public Contract Code, including but not limited to travel, advertising, and competitive bidding requirements, as well as any City procurement or related policy, are suspended to the extent reasonably necessary to address the effects of COVID-19.

(b) The Emergency Services Director is expressly authorized to assist with any lawful order, including the enforcement of an order of quarantine or curfew, as well as ordering potentially ill City employees to leave the workplace, authorizing certain City employees to work remotely, taking steps to limit non-essential contact by City employees, etc., to address the effects of COVID-19.

(c) The Emergency Services Director is expressly authorized at his or her discretion to invoke force majeure on any City agreements or obligations, to the extent reasonably necessary to address the effects of COVID-19.

(d) The Emergency Services Director is expressly authorized at his or her discretion to adopt and impose substantive limitations on residential or commercial evictions related to financial impacts caused by COVID-19, including, but not limited to an eviction moratorium.

SECTION 6. During the existence of the local emergency and in accordance with South El Monte Municipal Code section 2.60.090, the City shall set aside emergency funds for an Employee Assistance Fund in order to assist those people who have been financially impacted through work interruptions in response to COVID-19.

SECTION 7. During the existence of the local emergency, and along with all State and County resources, all City response resources, vehicles, and services shall be given first priority from shopkeepers and businesses located within the City, including, but not limited to, water, fuel and gasoline.

SECTION 8. During the existence of the local emergency and in accordance with South El Monte Municipal Code Section 2.60.100, violations of Chapter 2.60 shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not to exceed six months, or both.

SECTION 9. The local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council.

SECTION 10. The Government Code Section 8630 requirement that the Council review of the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until the City Council terminates the local emergency has been waived for the duration of the statewide emergency declared by Governor Newsom. If this declaration of local emergency extends for more than the duration of the statewide emergency declared for COVID-19, City Staff are directed to thereafter return this item for Council review of the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until the City Council terminates the local emergency.

SECTION 11. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be published and promulgated in a widespread manner as is reasonably feasible under the conditions prevailing during this local emergency. A copy of the Proclamation and this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Los Angeles County Operational Area Coordinator for transmission to California Emergency Management Agency.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of March 2020.


Gloria Olmos, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rose Juarez, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE)

I, Rose Juarez, City Clerk of the City of South El Monte, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, being Resolution No. 20-24 was passed and approved by the City Council of the City of South El Monte, at a special meeting of said Council held on March 17, 2020 and that said Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Acosta, Angel, Delgado, Retamoza, (Mayor) Olmos
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



Rose Juarez, City Clerk