

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 75

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY ISSUING AN EMERGENCY ORDER MANDATING FACE COVERINGS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC VISITING ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES WHILE THEY ARE IN THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, causes infectious disease and was first detected in December 2019; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and those who have been afflicted have experienced anything from mild illness to death; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers COVID-19 to be a very serious public health threat and the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2020, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors ratified a declaration of local health emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council of the City of National City (“City Council”) adopted a Resolution ratifying the Declaration of the existence of a local emergency that was proclaimed on March 12, 2020 in the City of National City (“City”) as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the National City Council has urged residents to follow the Orders of the San Diego County Health Officer, Dr. Wooten which directs the members of the public to:

- Stay home except to take care of essential needs or go to an essential job.
- Practice social distancing. Keep at least six feet away from other people unless they're household members. Avoid gatherings of any size.
- Wear a face covering when leaving home.

WHEREAS, there have been reports that people going to, from and in essential businesses that allow members of the public to enter have failed to wear face covering thereby placing themselves and others at risk of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, National City over the last two weeks has seen a rise in the number of COVID-19 cases. Stricter measures and guidelines are needed in the South Bay to combat this virus and protect the public in an effort to slow the rate of its spread.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of National City hereby finds that an emergency order is necessary to protect the residents, visitors and the general public of National City in effort to keep them safe, healthy and to prevent the spread of COVID -19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of National City pursuant to the Public Health Officer's Order numbers 10 and 11 to have all employees at essential businesses who may have contact with the public are ordered to wear a face covering as described in the California Department of Public Health Face Covering Guidance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of National City hereby issues an Emergency Order mandating face coverings for members of the public visiting essential businesses while they are in the City of National City. For purpose of this order the term "essential businesses" shall include any line established for entrance into such essential business.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that all individuals governed by this Emergency Order to wear face coverings are personally responsible for their own compliance. In addition, essential business owners and managers shall be responsible for assuring compliance with the above-described face covering requirements for workers, volunteers, and members of the public within their respective essential business; such responsibility shall include, as necessary, refusing admission or service to any member of the public who fails to wear a face covering when entering the essential business.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority of this Emergency Order is enacted under the City Council's Police Powers to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of the public pursuant to the California Constitution and pursuant to the Order of the Health Officer and Emergency Regulations specifically order number 24 which mandates governmental entities in the county to take necessary measures to ensure compliance with the Health Officer's Orders.

(Effective at 12:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2020.)

PASSED and ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 2020.

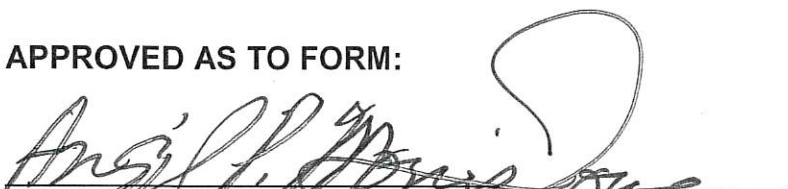


Alejandra Sotelo-Solis, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michael R. Dalla, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Angil P. Morris-Jones, City Attorney

Passed and adopted by the Council of the City of National City, California, on April 21, 2020 by the following vote, to-wit:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cano, Morrison, Quintero, Rios, Sotelo-Solis.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

AUTHENTICATED BY: ALEJANDRA SOTELO-SOLIS
Mayor of the City of National City, California

MICHAEL R. DALLA
City Clerk of the City of National City, California

By: _____
Deputy

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of RESOLUTION NO. 2020-75 of the City of National City, California, passed and adopted by the Council of said City on April 21, 2020.



Michael R. Dalla
City Clerk of the City of National City, California

By: _____
Deputy