OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Executive Orders
Pursuant to Proclamation 20-03-16-01
Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency

RE: NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, COVID-19

Issue Date: May 18, 2020

On March 16, 2020, in my capacity as the Director of Emergency Services (RSMMC 6.05.060), I issued Proclamation 20-03-16-01 Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency in response to severe public health concerns and economic impacts relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, causes infectious disease and was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath; outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and, in some cases, death. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has indicated the virus is a significant public health threat, and States of Emergency have been declared by the County of Orange, the State of California and the Federal Government of the United States. On March 19, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20, which bans gatherings, public and private, and orders residents to stay at home at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, as defined, in order to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. Executive Order N-33-20 is enforceable pursuant to California law per Government Code Section 8665.

In order to comply with all applicable Public Health and Executive Orders and to protect public health in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, Executive Orders Nos. 1 through 7 were issued on March 16, 2020. Executive Orders Nos. 8 through 12 were issued on March 31, 2020, and Executive Orders Nos. 13 through 15 were issued on April 6, 2020, all which remain in effect until further notice. It is hereby necessary to issue additional Executive Orders and modify Executive Order No. 3, as follows:

16. Executive Order No. 3, issued on March 16, 2020, is hereby modified as follows:
   a. City Hall is open to the public on a limited, first-come first-serve basis. Services and hours have been modified as posted.

17. The required deposit for review of administrative Site Development Permits for the purpose of authorizing temporary outdoor dining areas is hereby waived for a
period of 90 days. All administrative Site Development Permits approved under this Executive Order for the purpose of authorizing temporary outdoor dining areas are valid only through September 30, 2020.

18. The Development Services Director is hereby authorized to approve the temporary reallocation of code-required parking areas to accommodate temporary outdoor dining areas. Such temporary reallocation will be authorized only through September 30, 2020.

Additional Executive Orders may be issued at any time relating to this public health emergency. Additional Executive Orders are cumulative, and do not negate or reverse these Executive Orders contained herein unless explicitly stated.

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