

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF LA MESA, CALIFORNIA

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY AND DISASTER
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3-2020
(LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.56)

WHEREAS the economic impacts of COVID-19 have been significant, and could threaten to undermine the stability of La Mesa businesses;

WHEREAS on March 12, 2020, the County Public Health Officer issued orders directing the public to take certain actions to protect the public health from COVID-19;

WHEREAS on March 13, 2020 the Director of Emergency and Disaster issued a proclamation of local emergency related to the spread of the COVID-19 virus in our community, which the City Council ratified on April 14, 2020. The local emergency will continue until its termination;

WHEREAS on March 19, 2020 in Executive Order N-33-20, the Governor directed all California residents to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, under the Order of the State Public Health Officer until further notice;

WHEREAS on June 30, 2020, effective July 1, 2020, the County Public Health Officer issued an order requiring tables designed for dining to be six feet apart, or separated by barriers or partitions that extend above the heads of customers while seated;

WHEREAS The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends staying at least six feet from non-household members in both indoor and outdoor spaces to reduce the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS on July 6, 2020 the Governor and Public Health Official issued orders prohibiting indoor dining activities within the County of San Diego.

WHEREAS the City of La Mesa recognizes that businesses that comply with these orders may not be able to fulfill their financial obligations due to a loss of income as a result of COVID-19;

WHEREAS it is in the public interest to promote economic stability by taking action to mitigate the substantial loss of income to local residents and businesses due to the loss of compensable work hours or wages, layoffs, and business closures; and

WHEREAS allowing for the expansion of outdoor dining is necessary to protect the economic recovery efforts for those businesses and employees who continue to suffer during this pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Humora, Director of Emergency and Disaster of the City of La Mesa, California, pursuant to La Mesa Municipal Code Chapter 2.56, hereby issue this Executive Order to temporarily suspend La Mesa Municipal Code requirements restricting the following:

The use of public and private outdoor areas by eating establishments for dining, provided said establishments:

1. Obtain written authorization from the Director of Community Development (or his or her designee) confirming compliance with dining specifications promulgated pursuant to this Order; and
2. Otherwise, comply with all social distancing and other COVID-19 related health orders and all other City, County (e.g., emergency orders), State (e.g., ABC) and Federal laws (e.g., ADA).

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this order be filed with the City Clerk, posted on the City's website and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of La Mesa to be affixed this 9th day of July, 2020.

Greg Humora
Director of Emergency and Disaster

ATTEST:

Megan Wiegelman
City Clerk