

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF LA MESA, CALIFORNIA

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY AND DISASTER
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7-2021
(LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.56)

WHEREAS the economic impacts of COVID-19 have been significant, and that further action is needed to promote the ongoing economic recovery 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 on July 14, 2020, the Governor Public Health Officer issued orders closing indoor operations for commercial activities including gyms, personal care services, hair salons and barbershops;

WHEREAS on July 9, 2020, the City of La Mesa enacted Executive Order No. 3-2020 allowing for the use of public and private outdoor areas by eating establishments for dining to protect the economic recovery efforts for those businesses and employees who continue to suffer during this pandemic;

WHEREAS on July 16, 2020, the City of La Mesa enacted Executive Order No. 4-2020 allowing for the use of public and private outdoor areas for dining, retail and other commercial activities to protect the economic recovery efforts for those businesses and employees who continue to suffer during this pandemic;

WHEREAS on June 11, 2021, the Governor signed Executive Order N-07-21 rescinding the Stay-At-Home Order and lifting restrictions on business operations contained within the Blueprint for a Safer Economy that were in place for nearly 15 months;

WHEREAS the City of La Mesa recognizes that the restrictions on business were necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19 but created substantial and long-term economic impacts that will continue into the foreseeable future;

WHEREAS it is in the public interest to promote economic recovery by taking action to continue mitigating the substantial loss of income to local residents and businesses due to extended business restrictions; and

WHEREAS allowing for the continued use of public and private outdoor areas for dining, retail, and other commercial activities is necessary to ensure 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 extend, for one additional year, the temporary suspension of La Mesa Municipal Code requirements including but not limited to parking and outdoor use requirements, restricting the following:

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

1. Obtain written authorization from the Director of Community Development (or his or her designee) confirming compliance with 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).

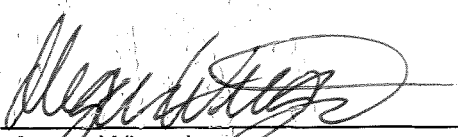
I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, Executive Order No. 3-2020 and Executive Order No. 4-2020 be revoked and replaced with Executive Order 7-2021. I further direct that as soon as hereafter possible this Order be filed with the City Clerk, posted on the City's website and that widespread 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 15th day of June, 2021.



Greg Humora
Director of Emergency and Disaster

ATTEST:



Megan Wiegelman
City Clerk