

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON ENACTING A TEMPORARY RESTRICTION ON THE OPERATION OF MOVIE THEATERS AND ENTERTAINMENT VENUES AND RESTRICTING THE OPERATION OF RESTAURANTS, DELIS AND OTHER PREPARED FOOD PROVIDERS TO TAKEOUT OR DRIVE-THROUGH ONLY

In late December 2019, several cases of unusual pneumonia began to emerge in the Hubei province of China. On January 7, 2020, a novel coronavirus now known as COVID-19 was identified as the likely source of the illness; and

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. On January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency; and

On March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for a broader spread of COVID-19. The proclamation comes as the number of positive California cases rises and following one official COVID-19 death; and

On March 12, 2020 the County of San Joaquin (“County”) declared a public health emergency and the County has confirmed that there are now nine (9) confirmed cases of COVID -19 within the County; and

On March 12, 2020, due to an escalating increase in the number of cases in San Joaquin County, under Stockton Municipal Code section 2.82.060, City Manager Harry Black signed a Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency, which determines the legal, operational and recovery resources available for the City to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

On March 13, 2020, the County issued guidance for mass gatherings, which encourages the postponement or cancellation of gatherings of 250 people or more and recommends that all non-essential smaller gatherings be cancelled or postponed. These recommendations may be interpreted to also recommend that persons at higher risk of severe illness should stay home and away from crowded social gatherings of people as much as possible such as parades, conferences, sporting events, and concerts where large numbers of people are within arm’s length of one another; and

On March 16, 2020 the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Marin, San Mateo, and Santa Clara (“Bay Area Counties”) have issued orders for their residents to “shelter at home” for the three weeks following March 17, 2020, which will limit social and business activities to only those that are essential; and

In order to further prevent the spread of COVID-19 it is imperative that the City restrict certain public gatherings while keeping intact an essential element of City's food supply infrastructure, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Effective until March 31, 2020 (unless extended by Resolution of the City Council), movie theaters and other entertainment venues must remain closed to the public while restaurants, delis and other businesses selling prepared food shall operate on a takeout and/or drive through basis only.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED March 17, 2020.

MICHAEL D. TUBBS
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

ELIZA R. GARZA, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Stockton