

**DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-02**

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People’s Republic of China, causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease COVID-19 that has now spread globally;

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency in response to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency to exist in California as a result of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Executive Order N-25-20 giving state and local public health officials the authority to issue guidance limiting or recommending limitations upon attendance at public assemblies, conferences or other mass events;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Ventura County’s Public Health Department declared a local health emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency as a result of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, 25% of the residents of Ojai are over the age of 65 and at particular risk;

WHEREAS, Ojai Municipal Code section 3-1.05 states the City Manager is the Director of Emergency Services;

WHEREAS, Ojai Municipal Code section 3-1.06 gives the Director of Emergency Services broad authority (1) to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property, (2) to obtain vital supplies, equipment, and such other properties found lacking and needed for the protection of life and property, (3) to require and command emergency services, (4) to requisition the necessary personnel or materials of any City department or agency, and (5) to exercise all his or her lawful powers;

WHEREAS, the City Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, did proclaim the existence of a local emergency within the City on March 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, the City Council ratified the City Manager’s proclamation on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8634 states, “During a local emergency the governing body of a political subdivision, or officials designated thereby, may promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property, including orders or regulations imposing a curfew within designated boundaries where necessary to preserve the public order and safety. Such orders and regulations and amendments and rescissions thereof shall be in writing and shall be given widespread publicity and notice.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Vega, City Manager of the City of Ojai, as Director of Emergency Services, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Government Code section 8634, Ojai Municipal Code section 3-1.05, and City Council Resolution No. 20-11, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately:


IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All approved land use and planning entitlements, building permits, and tentative, vesting tentative, and final tract maps expiring within the period of, or within 180 days after the end of the period of, this local emergency are automatically extended for a period of 180 days after their expiration or 180 days after the end of the local emergency, whichever is later. All deadlines related to an application for land use and planning entitlements, building permits, and tentative, vesting tentative, and final tract maps expiring within the period of, or within 90 days after the end of the period of, this local emergency are automatically extended for a period of 90 days after the deadline.

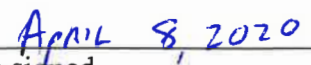
2. Effective April 10, 2020, any person shopping or working at a grocery store, restaurant, or other essential business under the County of Ventura’s Stay Well at Home order within the City of Ojai shall wear a face covering over their nose and mouth while they are at the location. A face covering can include bandanas, scarves, or cloth masks. Employers are required to provide, pay for, or reimburse their employees for face coverings as needed to protect their employees. Residents should not purchase N95 or surgical masks, as these are limited resources needed for the healthcare community and first responders. This is intended to protect employees, customers and residents. A grocery store, restaurant, or other essential business may refuse admission or service to any individual who fails to wear a face covering as required by this order.

3. This Order shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk, posted at Ojai City Hall, and published in the Ojai Valley News.

SO ORDERED.



Director of Emergency Services
City of Ojai



Date signed

ATTEST:



Gail Davis, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Matthew T. Summers, City Attorney