

DIRECTION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDER NO. 20-2

AN ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY
SERVICES (CITY MANAGER) OF THE CITY OF BENICIA
REGARDING BUSINESS INTERRUPTIONS STEMMING
FROM PHYSICAL LOSS AND/OR DAMAGE TO
PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF BENICIA

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 8630 empowers the City Council to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a Local Emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and,

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8634 empowers the City to promulgate orders and regulations to provide for the protection of life and property; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Benicia Municipal Code section 2.36.050(A)(1), the Director of Emergency Services has declared the existence of a Local Emergency, which Local Emergency has been ratified by the City Council on March 19, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril and a crippling disaster which severely impairs the safety of persons or property have arisen within the City caused by the virus COVID-19 and its rapid transmission as reported by various local, state and national health organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warranted and necessitated the proclamation of the existence of a Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the County of Solano Health Officer issued a County-wide shelter-in-place directive that requires individuals to isolate in their places of residence, except as needed for the performance of essential activities; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of California (“Governor”) issued Executive Order N-33-20, which provides that individuals living in the State of California are required to stay at home except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the critical infrastructure sectors; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned orders have caused numerous businesses in the City of Benicia to temporarily close during the ongoing emergency;

WHEREAS, businesses in the City of Benicia that provide essential services and are considered essential businesses under the aforementioned orders, have experienced physical losses and/or damages to their properties due to contamination caused by COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the City has an important governmental interest in maintaining a thriving business community and protecting the health, safety, and economic welfare of its citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary to issue and implement this Order to protect life, property and civil order.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF BENICIA DOES HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. It is found by the Director of Emergency Services that the novel coronavirus has caused business interruptions stemming from direct physical loss and/or damage to properties within the City of Benicia;

SECTION 2. This Order shall be in force and effect until terminated by the Director of Emergency Services.

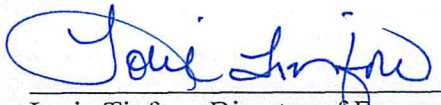
SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Order and shall cause a certified Order to be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of April 2020.

Attest:



Lisa Wolfe, City Clerk



Lorie Tinfow, Director of Emergency Services/City Manager

Approved as to Form:



Benjamin Stock, City Attorney