

RESOLUTION 2020-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ORFORD, OREGON FOR THE PURPOSE OF LIMITING TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19

WHEREAS, Governor Kate Brown, on March 8, 2020, declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 virus, finding that COVID-19 has created a threat to public health and safety, and constitutes a statewide emergency under ORS 401.025(1); and,

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, on March 11, 2020, declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic that causes respiratory distress with the potential to cause serious illness and loss of life; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control, COVID-19 is spread mainly from person-to-person (a) between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) and (b) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. As a result, the federal and state governments have taken measure to encourage and /or order individuals to maintain social distancing; and,

WHEREAS, many Port Orford residents are retired and therefore the City's population skews older than the general population. As a result, the local population is more vulnerable to the deadly effects of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, Port Orford and the southern Oregon coast has limited medical resources, which further endangers the local population. When there are a number of visitors to the City, it poses a serious risk to the health and welfare of the local populations during the COVID-19 crisis; and,

WHEREAS, ORS 401.309(2) provides that a city may carry out any activity to minimize the impact of emergency conditions during a declared emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the Port Orford City Council declared a state of emergency pursuant to ORS 401.309 and section 4 of the City Charter by adopting Resolution 2020-08: A Resolution Declaring a Temporary State of Emergency Within the Boundaries of the City and Delegating Authority to the City Administrator, a copy of which is attached to this resolution as Exhibit A; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Port Orford Common Council, herein assembled, resolves as follows

Section 1: All short term overnight visitors within the City's jurisdiction are ordered to evacuate within twenty-four hours while this Resolution is in effect. A visitor is defined as any individual who is in Port Orford for less than 30 days and becomes a transient here for recreation, pleasure or non-business reasons.

Section 2: Although not an exclusive list, this order **does not apply** to the following individuals:

- a. Local residents and property owners;
- b. Invitees of local residents and property owners; subject to section 3, below;
- c. Local business owners;
- d. Employees of local business owners;
- e. Vendors, agents and service providers of local residents, property owners, and businesses;
- f. Essential workers, including but not limited to doctors, nurses and other health care workers, US government workers, delivery drivers and other persons providing essential services to the City; and
- g. People staying in lodging for medical purposes.

Section 3: Except as provided in Sections 2 and 4, Hotels/Motels, Inns, Bed & Breakfast establishments, temporary vacation rentals and short-term rentals are prohibited from operating while the City's emergency declaration is in effect.

Section 4: Notwithstanding Section 3 of the Resolution, all Hotels/Motels, within the city limits of Port Orford are permitted to provide services to only the following persons while the City's emergency declaration is in effect:

- a. Residents registered for longer than 30-days;
- b. Employees of a facility provided lodging at no cost as a requirement of their employment;
- c. Persons in lodging for medical reasons;
- d. Essential workers, including but not limited to doctors, nurses and other health care workers, US government workers, delivery drivers, utility crews, and other persons providing essential services to the City.
- e. Those persons "stranded" in Port Orford. Stranded for the purposes of this resolution is defined as:
 1. Unable to leave due to mechanical failure of vehicle; or
 2. Unable to leave due to financial reasons; or
 3. Unable to leave due to documented disability; or
 4. Victims of domestic abuse; or
 5. Unable to leave due to COVID-19 closure in the person's home city or state.

Section 5: Property owners and administrators of Hotels/Motels, Inns, Bed & Breakfast establishments, temporary vacation rentals and short-term rentals, and RV's of less than 30 days shall take all reasonable steps to terminate the occupancy of any transients not exempted by Section 4 of the Resolution no later than 24 hours.

Section 6: This resolution is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further resolution of the council.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ORFORD, COUNTY OF CURRY,

STATE OF OREGON, and EFFECTIVE THIS 1st DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

APPROVED BY:


Jim Pogwizd, Mayor

ATTEST:

Terric Richards, City Administrator/City Recorder