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**CITY OF GARDENA REGULATION NO 1 PURSUANT TO  
PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

**GARDENA REGULATION NO. 1 ISSUED PURSUANT TO A PROCLAMATION BY THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE CLOSURE OF ALL CITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACES EXCEPT FOR ESSENTIAL CITY PERSONNEL**

WHEREAS, Gardena Municipal Code Chapter 2.56.060 empowers the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, to declare 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 8550 et seq., including Section 8558(c), authorize the City Manager to proclaim a local emergency when the City is threatened by conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City that are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City; and

WHEREAS, Gardena Municipal Code Chapter 2.56.060(A)(6)(a) empowers the City Manager as Director of Emergency Services to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency; and

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, causes infectious disease and was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath; outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and, in some cases, death. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has indicated the virus is a tremendous public health threat; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak a “public health emergency of international concern” and on March 11, 2020,

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the WHO has elevated the public health emergency to the status of a pandemic. On January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19. On March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency in California; and

WHEREAS, in declaring a State of Emergency, the Governor indicated that, as of March 4, 2020, there were 129 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, including 53 in California, and more than 9,400 Californians across 49 counties in home monitoring based on possible travel-based exposure to the virus, with officials expecting the number of cases in California, the United States, and worldwide to increase; and

WHEREAS, the Governor on March 12, 2020 issued Executive Order N-25-20, ordering, inter alia, that all residents are to heed the orders and guidance of state and local public health officials; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency due to the continue spread and the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, the Los Angeles County Health Officer issued an order, to prohibit all indoor and outdoor, public and private events and gatherings within a confined space, to require social distancing measures and temporary closure of certain businesses; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the City Manager, as the City's Director of Emergency Services, did proclaim the existence of a local emergency as authorized by Government Code section 8630 and Gardena Municipal Code Chapter 2.56.060; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health issued the Safer at Home Order for Control of COVID-19 to further restrict and limit the gathering of persons in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 within the greater Los Angeles community; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued Executive Order No. N-33-20 that required all citizens, except for essential workers, to stay home with limited exceptions allowed to obtain essential services; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 the City Council pursuant to Resolution No. 2020-6441 did ratify the Proclamation declaring the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the California Department of Health have all issued recommendations including but not limited to social distancing, staying home if sick, cancelling or postponing large group events, working from home, and other precautions to protect public health and transmission of this communicable virus; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the public health emergency and the stay at home order, as well as the suspension of all area schools, the parks and open spaces of the City have become crowded with residents to the point that required social distancing of at least six feet is not being observed; and

WHEREAS, during this local emergency, and in the interest of protecting the public health and preventing transmission of COVID-19, it is essential to avoid unnecessary close contact.

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 this Regulation No. 1 pursuant to the emergency proclamation related to protection of life and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the City Manager of the City of Gardena acting as the Director of Emergency Services as follows:

- A. All City Parks and Open Spaces are hereby closed, which include parking lots, grass areas, walking trails, picnic shelters, exercise equipment and sports courts, except for essential city personnel.
- B. Violation of this Regulation shall be punishable as set forth in Gardena Municipal Code Chapter 2.56.100.

**PROCLAIMED this 9th day of April, 2020.**



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Clint Osorio,  
City Manager/Director of Emergency  
Services

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF GARDENA REGULATION NO. 1 PURSUANT TO PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA BY THE CITY MANAGER (DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES) ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2020.

ATTEST:

*Becky Romero*

*for* MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk