ORDER OF THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF IRVINE IN HIS CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MEMBER OF THE IRVINE DISASTER COUNCIL

DATE OF ORDER: August 6, 2020


Effective 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2020, and continuing until terminated or amended by further Order of the Director, the following will be in effect for the City:

1. Waiver of Special Event Permit Fees Associated With Outdoor Dining Activities: All Special Events Permitting Fees that would in the normal course be imposed on existing businesses in the City that are seeking approval to conduct outdoor dining activities, are waived. Information on the City’s program to open outdoor dining is provided at https://www.cityofirvine.org/covid-19-resources/open-outdoor-dining.

2. This Order shall be effective immediately and will remain in effect until terminated or amended by further Order of the Director of Emergency Services.

3. This Order is issued as a result of the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 disease, also known as "novel coronavirus," which has infected over one million individuals worldwide in over 180 countries and is implicated in over 708,000 worldwide deaths, including over 38,000 cases and 665 deaths in Orange County. These numbers grow every day.

4. This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19 both within the City of Irvine and worldwide, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approach to slow transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect the public from the risk of spread of or exposure to COVID-19.

5. This Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19 by encouraging and facilitating outdoor dining at Irvine restaurants, thereby creating greater social distancing and slowing the spread of COVID-19 in and around Irvine.

6. This Order is intended to address the strain upon the health care system from the effects of the COVID-19 virus. Similarly, this Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19 in and around Irvine.

7. Emergency management and public health officials at the federal, state, and county levels continue to issue guidance to slow the spread of COVID-19.
8. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the City of Irvine City Hall located at 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, CA 92606; (2) posted on the City of Irvine’s website (www.cityofirvine.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

John A. Russo, Director of Emergency Services / City Manager, City of Irvine