

CITY OF OXNARD

DIRECTOR ORDER NO. 20-05

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF OXNARD REGARDING TEMPORARILY ALLOWING THE USE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AS HOUSING FOR QUARANTINED PERSONS AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS AS A RESULT OF COVID-19 FOR THE DURATION OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630 and Chapter 6 of the Oxnard City Code empower the City Manager of the City of Oxnard (“City”), acting in the capacity of the Director of Emergency Services (the “Director”), 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 the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of the COVID-19 respiratory disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, in response to the rapidly evolving public health crisis resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Director proclaimed the existence of a local emergency (the “Local Emergency”); and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 15,304, proclaiming the Local Emergency and ratifying the Director’s March 13, 2020 proclamation; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-33-20, ordering all individuals in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of sixteen critical infrastructure sectors; and

WHEREAS, City residents or visitors, including its health care workers, first responders, utilities workers and other similarly situated professionals have been exposed to, are at risk of exposing themselves or others to, or have contracted COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, when those City residents or visitors live with others, they may be exposing them to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, those City residents or visitors who have been exposed to or have contracted COVID-19 may have the ability to self-quarantine in a recreational vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Oxnard City Code does not permit the occupancy of recreational vehicles on private property within residential, commercial and industrial zones; and

WHEREAS, without immediate action to authorize the use of recreational vehicles as quarantine housing for those who have been exposed to or have contracted COVID-19, additional people may be unnecessarily exposed to COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE

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CITY OF OXNARD DOES HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Definitions.

- a. "Community Development Director" means the City's Community Development Director or his or her designee.
- b. "Quarantined Person" means a person who (1) has been directly exposed to COVID-19; (2) has been ordered to quarantine due to a possible exposure to COVID-19; (3) is taking precautionary steps to avoid the possible exposure of members of his/her household to COVID-19, including but not limited to first-responders, health care workers, utilities workers or others providing essential services; or (4) has contracted COVID-19.
- c. "Recreational Vehicle" means a motorhome, travel trailer, truck camper, or camping trailer that is (1) self-contained and designed for human habitation for recreational or emergency occupancy; (2) self-propelled, truck-mounted, or permanently towable on California roadways; (3) a California Department of Motor Vehicles licensed vehicle; or (4) a similar vehicle or structure as determined by the Community Development Director.

SECTION 2. Using a Recreational Vehicle as housing while the local emergency persists. A Quarantined Person that wishes to occupy a Recreational Vehicle in any zone within the City during the term of this Order on their own property or property they have written permission from the owner thereof as provided herein shall do the following:

- a. Submit an application to the Community Development Department, providing:
 1. The Quarantined person's name;
 2. The reason the Quarantined Person meets the definition of Quarantined Person set forth in this Order;
 3. The year, make, model and license plate number of the Recreational Vehicle;
 4. The location where the Recreational Vehicle will be used;
 5. If the Quarantined Person is not the owner of the property where the Recreational Vehicle will be used, written consent from the owner of the property where the Recreational Vehicle will be used;
 6. Proof of the removal of wastewater from the Recreational Vehicle's wastewater tank system or the business name, address, and phone number of a local wastewater disposal service where the Recreational Vehicle will be serviced for wastewater removal.
- b. Receive written authorization from the Community Development Director.

SECTION 3. Additional Standards. The following standards shall be maintained while a Recreational Vehicle is used as housing for a Quarantined Person under this Order:

- a. Only the Quarantined Person may occupy the Recreational Vehicle.
- b. Only one Recreational Vehicle may be used for housing for a Quarantined Person per

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- Property.
- c. The Recreational Vehicle shall be connected to an approved source of water with a backflow prevention device.
 - d. The Recreational Vehicle shall maintain an approved gray and black water holding system, served by a dumping service on a regular basis.
 - e. The Recreational Vehicle shall maintain an approved source of electricity.
 - f. Only when absolutely necessary, as determined on a case by case basis by the Community Development Director, the Recreational Vehicle may be occupied on a street near the property identified on the Quarantined Person's application.
 - g. The authorization issued by the Community Development Director shall be carried in the Recreational Vehicle, and shall be presented to any Police Officer or enforcement personnel upon request.

SECTION 4. This Order may be modified or rescinded by further Order by the Director or by the City Council.

SECTION 5. This Order shall remain in effect during the period this Local Emergency exists and shall terminate upon City Council's determination that the Local Emergency no longer exists.

SECTION 6. This Order shall become effective immediately.

SECTION 7. This order shall be given publicity and notice as required by Government Code section 8634.

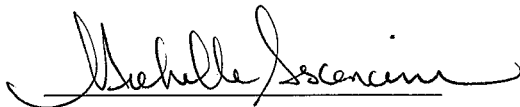
SECTION 8. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Order and shall cause a certified Order to be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Dated: April 08, 2020

By: 

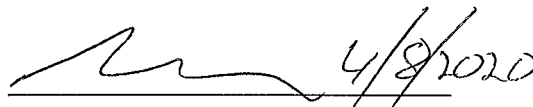
Alexander Nguyen
City Manager/Director of Emergency Services
City of Oxnard

ATTEST:



Michelle Ascencion, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney

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