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**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-02**

**ORDER OF THE POLICE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH IN HIS CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR  
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**DATE OF ORDER: APRIL 24, 2020**

Order of the Chief of Police of the City of Firebaugh directing all individuals living within the city to continue sheltering in their place of residence except to provide or receive qualified essential services. Order also directing all none-essential business to remain closed and requiring essential businesses to implement social distancing requirements, and prohibit all non-essential gatherings of any number of individuals.

On March 19, 2020 the Firebaugh City Council declared a local emergency due to the public health and safety threat of the COVID-19 pandemic. The local declaration of emergency furthered the State and Federal declarations related to COVID-19.

In the interest of continued public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19 in our community, it is necessary to exercise my authority pursuant to Section 8634 of the California Government Code and Section 2-11.6 of the Firebaugh Municipal Code to issue this Order related to the protection of life and property.

As the Director of Emergency Services and in response to the threat of public health due to the spread of COVID-19, I hereby issue the following order effective April 24, 2020.

**ORDER**

In conformance Executive Order N-33-20 issued by the Governor of the State of California and guidance from the CDC, CDPH, and the April 14, 2020 Order of the Fresno County Health Officer, this Order requires the following:

1. All individuals, businesses, entities, and government agencies in the City of Firebaugh are required to follow the provisions of the April 14, 2020 Order of the Fresno County Health Officer.
2. All Essential Businesses that remain in operation in accordance with the Fresno County Health Officers Orders and who allow members of the public to enter their facility must prepare and post by no later the 3:00 PM on Friday April 24, 2020 a "Social Distancing and Sanitation Protocol" on the attached form to this Order as for each their facilities open to the public within the City of Firebaugh.

3. All businesses shall provide evidence of its implementation of a Social Distancing and Sanitation Protocol to any authority enforcing this Order upon demand.
4. The Social Distancing and Sanitation Protocol must provide reasonable implementation measures necessary to establish social distancing at each facility.
5. Essential businesses within the City of Firebaugh that provide sales of retail goods and/or food and/or financial services including without limitation, grocery stores, pharmacies, home improvement stores, gas station convenience stores, restaurants providing take-out or delivery services, banks, savings and loans, and credit unions that remain in operation during the term of this Order ("**Covered Businesses**") shall implement these minimum elements in their Social Distancing and Sanitation Protocol:
  - Covered Businesses shall cause their employees to wear cloth face coverings. A cloth face covering is a material that covers the nose and mouth. It can be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face. It can be made of a variety of materials, such as cotton, silk, or linen. A cloth face covering may be factory-made or sewn by hand, or can be improvised from household items such as scarfs, T-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels. All employers of covered businesses shall provide, at their expense, cloth face coverings or alternative non-medical grade face coverings for their employees. All persons, including Essential Workers are discouraged from using medical grade personal protective equipment, such as N95 masks, for non-medical reasons.
  - It is recommended that customers and visitors to any Covered Business should wear cloth face coverings or alternative non-medical grade face coverings to provide additional protection for workers and other customers of and visitors to the Covered Business. An operator of a Covered Business may refuse admission or service to any individual who fails to wear a face covering as recommended by this Order.

Further guidance on face coverings, social distancing and cleaning disinfecting could be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>

<https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/Home/ShowDocument?id=43176>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cleaning-disinfection.html>

- All customers and visitors to any Covered Business shall limit the number of customers accompanying one another into the Covered Business, except for those that need additional assistance. Entry into a Covered Business shall be limited to two persons per household "two persons per cart" at one time. An operator of a Covered Business may refuse admission or service to any individual or individuals who fail(s) to limit the number of customers accompanying one another as required by this Order.
- Covered Businesses shall limit the number of customers and visitors in the Covered Business to 6 customers or visitors per 1000 square feet of interior space open to the public.

- Covered Businesses are encouraged, but not required to install Plexiglas to separate cashiers and customers at all points of sale.
6. If the measures identified and implemented are not effective in maintaining proper social distancing and sanitation, additional measures shall be implemented or the facility shall be closed
  7. Except as otherwise ordered to do so by this Order, all residents of the City of Firebaugh are encouraged but not required to wear face coverings whenever they go outside their homes to obtain essential services and goods, as defined by the Governor's Stay at Home Order and the Fresno County Department of Public Health's guidance.
  8. All Individuals currently residing within the City are directed to continue with shelter in place at their place of residence. The intent is to ensure the maximum number of people are self-isolating, while enabling essential services to continue and slow the spread of COVID-19.
  9. This Order shall be effective April 24, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until it is rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by further Order of the Director of Emergency Services or the Firebaugh City Council. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City shall not impose penalties for violations of this Order until Friday, April 24, 2020.
  10. This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19 both within the City of Firebaugh and country, 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.
  11. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the: March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom and subsequent executive orders; the March 15, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency by the Fresno County Department of Health and subsequent orders; the March 19, 2020 proclamation by the Director of Emergency Services of the existence of a local emergency pursuant to Section 8630 of the California Government Code; the March 19, 2020 action by the Firebaugh City Council ratifying the proclamation of local emergency made by the Director of Emergency Services; the April 1, 2020 guidance from the CPDH recommending the use of face coverings while in public; and the April 4, 2020 guidance issued by the CDC recommending wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies).
  12. Violation of this Order is a crime and may also be pursued as an administrative fine, an infraction, or a misdemeanor, in the City's sole and absolute discretion. (California Government Code Section 8665, Firebaugh Municipal Code Sections 2-11.10)
  13. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) posted at the City of Firebaugh City Hall located at 1133 P Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622; (2) posted at the Firebaugh Police Department 1575 11<sup>th</sup> Street Firebaugh Ca 93622.