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 furthered the State and Federal declarations related to COVID-19.

On April 24, 2020, the Police Chief as the Director of Emergency Services issued Executive Order 2020-2 regarding shelter-in-place, social distancing and other requirements related to COVID-19.

On May 22, 2020, Executive Order 2020-3 was issued ordering all residents and businesses to follow the orders of the State Health Officer, the Fresno County Health Officer and protocols set by the City of Firebaugh.

Currently, the State of California and Fresno County have lifted some of the COVID-19 restrictions related to public health and safety. In light of these recent developments the City of Firebaugh Director of Emergency Services sets forth the following updated Executive Order 2020-4:

1. This order is effective Monday June 1, 2020.

2. This order supersedes other emergency orders issued by the City of Firebaugh Director of Emergency Services.

3. This order ends the City’s shelter-in-place order. Residents must still comply with the State of California’s and Fresno County stay-at-home orders.

4. City of Firebaugh parks will remain closed for all public gatherings, including but not limited to BBQ’s, Sports Events, and birthday parties. Unfortunately, the continued closure is necessary to protect the health of the entire community, and promote social distancing. Our parks may be used by the public for individual exercise and for families living in the same household. Playgrounds, basketball courts at our local parks are closed and will remain closed for the safety of our children. Police will continue patrolling the parks to assure compliance.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04
ORDER OF THE POLICE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH IN HIS CAPACITY
AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
DATE OF ORDER: JUNE 1, 2020
5. Businesses shall continue to require their employees to wear face coverings. A 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. All employers shall provide, at their expense, cloth face coverings or alternative non-medical grade face coverings for their employees.

It will also be required that all customers, also, wear protective facial coverings when entering any business in the city. Businesses must have posted signs at their entrance advising customers, that facial covering are required before entering the business. Businesses must inform customers who are not wearing a facial covering that facial covers are required inside their business.

Businesses who allow members of the public to enter their facility must follow the Social Distancing and Sanitation Protocol required by State and the Fresno County Health Officer. For the purpose of this order, Social Distancing includes, but not limited to maintaining at least six-feet of distance from other individuals who do not live in the same household, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds, as frequently as possible, or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes, regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, not having direct physical contact with anyone who is not a member of their household or living unit, and wearing protective facial coverings in any government facility or business.

6. This Order of the Emergency Services Director directs all City of Firebaugh residents and local businesses to follow the orders of the State Health Officer, Fresno County Health Officer and protocols set by the City of Firebaugh. For reference regarding state and county health officer orders follow this links.

https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health/covid-19
https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/

7. Repeated or flagrant violations of the required social distancing requirements at any business location, may lead to the temporary closure of a business until further notice, or for the duration of the emergency. Any business or individual that opens without authorization or fails to follow all required state and local COVID-19 safety requirements assumes all liability for any resulting claim or injury. The City shall not be liable for any such claim or injury.

8. This order shall remain in effect until it is repealed or modified by the Director of Emergency Services.

The intent of this order is to protect the health of everyone in our community, while providing for the safe and responsible reopening of authorized businesses in the city. This order is being issued to help with the economic recovery of Firebaugh and to get people back to work by safely phasing-in businesses in the shortest amount of time possible using social distancing protocols set by state, county and city.