



# *City of Camarillo*

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## **EOC DIRECTOR ORDER NO. 20-2 COVID-19 STAYING EVICTIONS IN THE CITY OF CAMARILLO**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Camarillo Municipal Code (“CMC”) Section 2.32.030, as City Manager of the City of Camarillo (“City”), I serve as the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Director.

WHEREAS, In December 2019, reports began spreading worldwide about a flu-like virus first found in China that was significantly more deadly than the flu generally, with the virus becoming known as the Coronavirus (“COVID-19”).

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2020, a State of Emergency was proclaimed by Governor Gavin Newsom

WHEREAS, March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) classified the spread of COVID-19 internationally as a global pandemic.

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2020, Dr. Robert Levin, Ventura County Health Officer issued a Declaration of Local Health Emergency in which he proclaimed and ordered that a local health emergency exists in the County of Ventura due to COVID-19.

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20 with orders including an order that all residents are to heed any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials.

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020 at 9:04 am, acting in my capacity as the EOC Director, I issued a Proclamation (“Proclamation”) ordering there is a local state of emergency (“Local Emergency”) which now exists in the City of Camarillo due to COVID-19 (“coronavirus”).

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020 at 7 pm, there was a Special Meeting of the City Council at which the Council adopted a Resolution confirming the existence of a local emergency which included Section 7 that reads as follows:

Section 7. The City Manager or his designee is designated as the local Hazard Mitigation Coordinator of the City of Camarillo for the purpose of assessing the threat to the people in the City as a result of COVID-19 and consulting with Federal, State, County and other authorities as necessary to assess the threat and to take appropriate actions to address the threat including

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taking actions authorized by law including, but not limited to, Camarillo Municipal Code Section 2.32.030 B 4 which authorizes the EOC director to: Develop and issue rules, regulations, proclamations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by the applicable disaster or emergency; provided, however, such rules and regulations must be confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the city council.

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Ventura County Dr. Robert Levin, Ventura County Health Officer issued: HEALTH OFFICER ORDER FOR CONTROL OF COVID-19 DIRECTING VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE COUNTY TO SHELTER AT THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE, RESTRICTIONS OF CERTAIN BUSINESSES, AMONG OTHER ORDERS” which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and hereby incorporated by reference.

WHEREAS, On March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-28-20, which waived any provisions of state law that would preempt or otherwise restrict a local government’s exercise of its police power to impose substantive limitations on residential or commercial evictions, including but not limited to Civil Code Sections 1940 *et seq.* or 1954.25 *et seq.*, until May 31, 2020, unless extended. A copy of Executive Order N-28-20 is attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

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 and implement this EOC Order 20-2 to protect life, property and civil order which I am issuing this EOC Order 20-2 pursuant to the authority granted to me by all applicable laws including, but not limited to, Government Code Section 38791, Camarillo Municipal Code Chapter 2.32 and Executive Order N-28-20 issued by the Governor.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE EOC DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF CAMARILLO DOES HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A temporary moratorium on eviction for non-payment of rent, by any residential tenant, any commercial tenant, and/or any non-residential tenant, impacted by the COVID-19 crisis is imposed as set forth herein.

SECTION 2. During the period of local emergency declared in response to COVID-19, no landlord shall endeavor to evict a tenant for nonpayment of rent if the tenant demonstrates that the tenant is unable to pay rent due to Financial Impacts related to COVID-19.

SECTION 3. A landlord who knows that a tenant cannot pay some or all of the rent temporarily for the reasons set forth above in Section 2 shall not serve a notice pursuant to CCP 1161(2), file or prosecute an unlawful detainer action based on a 3-day pay or quit notice, or otherwise seek to evict for nonpayment of rent.

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SECTION 4. A landlord knows of a tenant's inability to pay rent within the meaning of this Order if the tenant, within 30 days after the date that rent is due, notifies the landlord in writing of lost income and inability to pay full rent due to Financial Impacts related to COVID-19, and provides documentation to support the claim. For purposes of this Order, "in writing" includes email or text communications to a landlord or the landlord's representative with whom the tenant has previously corresponded by email or text, as well as traditional written communication. Any medical or financial information provided to the landlord shall be held in confidence, and only used for evaluating the tenant's claim.

SECTION 5. Nothing in this Order shall relieve the tenant of liability for the unpaid rent, nor restrict a landlord's ability to recover rent due.

SECTION 6. For purposes of this Order, "financial impacts related to COVID-19" ("Financial Impact") include nonpayment of rent, or a foreclosure, arising out of a substantial decrease in household or business income (including, but not limited to, a substantial decrease in household income caused by layoffs or a reduction in the number of compensable hours of work, or a substantial decrease in business income caused by a reduction in opening hours or consumer demand), or substantial out-of-pocket medical expenses; provided that, the Financial Impact was caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, or by any local, state or federal government response to COVID-19, and is documented.

SECTION 7. For purposes of this Order, "no-fault eviction" refers to any eviction for which the notice to terminate tenancy is not based on alleged fault by the tenant, including but not limited to eviction notices served pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 1161(1), 1161(5), or 1161c. This order applies to nonpayment eviction notices, no-fault eviction notices, and unlawful detainer actions based on such notices, served or filed on or after the date on which a Local Emergency was proclaimed.

SECTION 8. This Order shall be punishable as set forth in the Camarillo Municipal Code Chapter 1.12. In addition, this Order grants a defense in the event that an unlawful detainer action is commenced in violation of this Order.

SECTION 9. This Local Emergency shall continue until it is terminated by proclamation of the City Council. Pursuant to Section 8630 of the Government Code, the City Council shall proclaim the termination of a local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

SECTION 10. This Order shall be in force and effect until May 31, 2020, until and unless superseded by a duly enacted Ordinance or Resolution of the City Council of the City of Camarillo or a further Order by the EOC Director adopted during the local emergency that expressly superseding this Order. Should the Governor extend Executive Order N-28-20, this Order will continue automatically beyond May 31, 2020 to the date of the Governor's extension unless superseded.

SECTION 11. 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: March 18, 2020 at 1:55 pm



David J. Norman, EOC Director/City Manager

Attest:



Jeffrie Madland, City Clerk

**HEALTH OFFICER ORDER FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19  
DIRECTING VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN  
THE COUNTY TO SHELTER AT THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE,  
RESTRICTIONS OF CERTAIN BUSINESSES, AMONG OTHER ORDERS  
DATE OF ORDER: MARCH 17, 2020**

**Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 120295 et seq.**

**WHEREAS**, the intent of this Order is to strengthen the steps the County of Ventura has already taken to protect our residents and particularly the most vulnerable in our population from COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020 Governor Gavin Newsom announced that California is taking additional measures to protect those most at risk of serious, life-threatening complications from COVID-19, including urging those most vulnerable to COVID-19 to socially isolate at home, such as people age 65 and older and those with underlying medical conditions that make them more susceptible to serious illness from the coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of this Order is to ensure that specified individuals self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible, and all provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent; and

**WHEREAS**, social isolation is considered useful as a tool to control the spread of pandemic viral infections; and

**WHEREAS**, social isolation is the shared responsibility of all individuals in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, this Order is issued based on evidence of increasing occurrence of COVID-19 within the County and scientific evidence that the age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of the County places it at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the scientific evidence shows that at this stage of the emergency, it is essential to slow virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed and that one proven way to slow the transmission is to limit interactions among people to the greatest extent practicable;

**WHEREAS**, by reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this Order also helps preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, this Order comes after the release of substantial guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and other public

health officials throughout the United States and around the world, including a variety of prior orders to combat the spread and harms of COVID-19;

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 101040, 101085 AND 120175 OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. All individuals currently living within Ventura County, equal to or older than 75 years of age, or equal to or older than 70 years of age with an active or unstable comorbidity, are ordered to shelter at their place of residence from March 18, 2020 to April 1, 2020. To the extent such individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably possible maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from any other person. Exceptions shall only exist as necessary to seek medical care, nutrition, or to perform essential work in healthcare or government.
2. All permanent food facilities, as defined by Health and Safety Code § 113849, may only prepare and offer food that is provided to customers via delivery service, via pick-up for takeout dining, and via drive-thru. Bars and nightclubs that offer food to consumers may remain open only for purposes of continuing to prepare and offer food to consumers via delivery service, via pick-up, or via drive-thru. Permanent food facilities that provide and offer food to consumers for pick up must require patrons or groups of patrons who are ordering food and beverages to be and remain at least six (6) feet apart from each other while inside the facility.
3. The following types of businesses are ordered to close (March 18, 2020 to April 1, 2020):
  - a. Bars and nightclubs that do not serve food.
  - b. Movie theaters, live performance venues, bowling alleys, and arcades.
  - c. Gyms, and fitness centers, and aquatic centers.
  - d. Wineries, breweries, and tap rooms that provide tastings.
4. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Newsom, the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency issued by the Health Officer, the March 17, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura Proclaiming a Local Emergency and Ratifying and Extending the Declaration of a Local Health Emergency, the March 12, 2020 State of California Executive Order N-25-20, and the March 16, 2020 California Department of Public Health guidance on Retail Food, Beverage, and Other Related Service Venues.
5. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes a threat to public health. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order.

6. This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 18, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 1, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
7. The Health Officer will continue to assess the quickly evolving situation and may issue additional Orders related to COVID-19.
8. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County of Ventura Public Health Office at 2240 East Gonzalez Road, ste. 210, Oxnard, California 93036; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department website (available at [www.vchca.org/ph](http://www.vchca.org/ph)); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.
9. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

  
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Robert Levin, M.D.  
Ventura County Health Officer

Dated: March 17, 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-28-20

**WHEREAS** on March 4, 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** despite sustained efforts, the virus remains a threat, and further efforts to control the spread of the virus to reduce and minimize the risk of infection and otherwise mitigate the effects of COVID-19 are needed; and

**WHEREAS** the economic impacts of COVID-19 have been significant, and could threaten to undermine Californians' housing security and the stability of California businesses; and

**WHEREAS** many Californians are experiencing substantial losses of income as a result of business closures, the loss of hours or wages, or layoffs related to COVID-19, hindering their ability to keep up with their rents, mortgages, and utility bills; and

**WHEREAS** Californians who are most vulnerable to COVID-19, those 65 years and older, and those with underlying health issues, are advised to self-quarantine, self-isolate, or otherwise remain in their homes to reduce the transmission of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** because homelessness can exacerbate vulnerability to COVID-19, California must take measures to preserve and increase housing security for Californians to protect public health; and

**WHEREAS** local jurisdictions, based on their particular needs, may therefore determine that additional measures to promote housing security and stability are necessary to protect public health or to mitigate the economic impacts of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** local jurisdictions may also determine, based on their particular needs, that promoting stability amongst commercial tenancies is also conducive to public health, such as by allowing commercial establishments to decide whether and how to remain open based on public health concerns rather than economic pressures, or to mitigate the economic impacts of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** in addition to these public health benefits, state and local policies to promote social distancing, self-quarantine, and self-isolation require that people be able to access basic utilities—including water, gas, electricity, and telecommunications—at their homes, so that Californians can work from home, receive public health information, and otherwise adhere to policies of social distancing, self-quarantine, and self-isolation, if needed; and



**WHEREAS** many utility providers, public and private, covering electricity, gas, water, and sewer, have voluntarily announced moratoriums on service disconnections and late fees for non-payment in response to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** many telecommunication companies, including internet and cell phone providers, have voluntarily announced moratoriums on service disconnections and late fees for non-payment in response to COVID-19;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes of the State of California, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567 and 8571, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 1) The time limitation set forth in Penal Code section 396, subdivision (f), concerning protections against residential eviction, is hereby waived. Those protections shall be in effect through May 31, 2020.
- 2) Any provision of state law that would preempt or otherwise restrict a local government's exercise of its police power to impose substantive limitations on residential or commercial evictions as described in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) below—including, but not limited to, any such provision of Civil Code sections 1940 et seq. or 1954.25 et seq.—is hereby suspended to the extent that it would preempt or otherwise restrict such exercise. This paragraph 2 shall only apply to the imposition of limitations on evictions when:
  - (i) The basis for the eviction is nonpayment of rent, or a foreclosure, arising out of a substantial decrease in household or business income (including, but not limited to, a substantial decrease in household income caused by layoffs or a reduction in the number of compensable hours of work, or a substantial decrease in business income caused by a reduction in opening hours or consumer demand), or substantial out-of-pocket medical expenses; and
  - (ii) The decrease in household or business income or the out-of-pocket medical expenses described in subparagraph (i) was caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, or by any local, state, or federal government response to COVID-19, and is documented.

The statutory cause of action for judicial foreclosure, Code of Civil Procedure section 725a et seq.; the statutory cause of action for unlawful detainer, Code of Civil Procedure section 1161 et seq., and any other statutory cause of action that could be used to evict or otherwise eject a residential or commercial tenant or occupant of residential real property after foreclosure is suspended only as applied to any tenancy, or residential real property and any

occupation thereof, to which a local government has imposed a limitation on eviction pursuant to this paragraph 2, and only to the extent of the limitation imposed by the local government.

Nothing in this Order shall relieve a tenant of the obligation to pay rent, nor restrict a landlord's ability to recover rent due.

The protections in this paragraph 2 shall be in effect through May 31, 2020, unless extended.

- 3) All public housing authorities are requested to extend deadlines for housing assistance recipients or applicants to deliver records or documents related to their eligibility for programs, to the extent that those deadlines are within the discretion of the housing authority.
- 4) The Department of Business Oversight, in consultation with the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, shall engage with financial institutions to identify tools to be used to afford Californians relief from the threat of residential foreclosure and displacement, and to otherwise promote housing security and stability during this state of emergency, in furtherance of the objectives of this Order.
- 5) Financial institutions holding home or commercial mortgages, including banks, credit unions, government-sponsored enterprises, and institutional investors, are requested to implement an immediate moratorium on foreclosures and related evictions when the foreclosure or foreclosure-related eviction arises out of a substantial decrease in household or business income, or substantial out-of-pocket medical expenses, which were caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, or by any local, state, or federal government response to COVID-19.
- 6) The California Public Utilities Commission is requested to monitor measures undertaken by public and private utility providers to implement customer service protections for critical utilities, including but not limited to electric, gas, water, internet, landline telephone, and cell phone service, in response to COVID-19, and on a weekly basis publicly report these measures.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to invalidate any limitation on eviction enacted by a local jurisdiction between March 4, 2020 and this date.

Nothing in this Order shall in any way restrict state or local authority to order any quarantine, isolation, or other public health measure that may compel an individual to remain physically present in a particular residential real property.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

**I FURTHER DIRECT** that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 16th day of March 2020.



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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State