

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-011

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AND COMMENT DURING COVID-19 DECLARED EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the spread of a novel coronavirus now known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020 the Riverside County Public Health Officer declared a local health emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Riverside County proclaimed a local emergency due to the threat of COVID-19 in Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic based upon the alarming levels of spread and severity of COVID-19, and by the alarming levels of inaction; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of California issued an Executive Order, which, among other things, suspended certain requirements of the Brown Act, including any provision that expressly or implicitly requires the physical presence of the public at public meetings; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the City's Fire Chief, in his capacity as the Director of Emergency Services, declared a local emergency in the City of Corona in an effort to reduce further spread of COVID-19 within the City of Corona; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Riverside County Public Health Officer ordered that all gatherings within Riverside County with an expected attendance of at least 10 individuals taking place between March 16, 2020 and April 30, 2020 be cancelled and, for gatherings with less than 10 individuals, that a minimum social distance of six (6) feet be maintained between attendees; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 54954.3(b) permits the City Council to adopt reasonable regulations to ensure that regular meetings of the City Council provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the City Council; and

WHEREAS, based upon the conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property that have arisen within the City caused by the threat of COVID-19, as confirmed by the foregoing declarations of emergency in the State and Riverside County, and pursuant to the authority provided in Governor Newsom's March 12, 2020 Executive Order and Government

Code Section 54954.3(b), the City Council has determined that it is necessary to adopt regulations for public attendance and comment at all meetings of the City Council or any City commissions during the existence of this local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CIYT COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and are incorporated herein and made a part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Adoption of Regulations. The City Council hereby adopts the Regulations for Public Attendance and Comment During Covid-19 Declared Emergency, attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. The Regulations for Public Attendance and Comment During Covid-19 Declared Emergency shall be effective immediately and shall apply to all meetings of the City Council and all meetings of any City commissions during the existence of this local emergency and until such time that the termination of this emergency is proclaimed by the City Council.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of March 2020.

Mayor of the City of Corona, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

CERTIFICATION

I, Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk of the City of Corona, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Corona, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 18th day March 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Corona, California, this 18th day of March 2020.

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

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EXHIBIT “A”
REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AND COMMENT
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[SEE ATTACHED ONE (1) PAGE]

**CITY OF CORONA
COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETINGS**

**REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AND COMMENT
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(PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 2020-011)

WATCHING FROM HOME IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

Members of the public are strongly encouraged to observe the City Council meeting via the following live-streaming options:

[City's website](#)

[Facebook](#)

[YouTube Channel](#)

EMAIL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Community members who stay home but desire to submit a general public comment or a comment on a specific agenda item can submit these via e-mail to PublicComments@CoronaCA.gov.

Please limit comments to 250 words or less. **All comments submitted at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled meeting time on the day of the meeting will be read aloud at the meeting.** Any comments received after this deadline and before the meeting has been adjourned will be maintained with the minutes of the meeting.

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

In an effort to support the County Public Health Officer's order to limit gatherings to 10 persons or less and to promote social distancing measures, the Council Chambers will be closed to the public during the meetings. However, any person wishing to submit comments orally will be allowed to comment via remote teleconferencing in the Multi-Purpose Room at City Hall. Only ten (10) individuals will be allowed in the room at one time, and others will be asked to wait outside of the room, while practicing social distancing measures, until there is room to admit them. Should the number of individuals wishing to comment exceed ten (10), individuals who have already commented during the general public comment period or on a specific agenda item will be asked to leave the room in order to allow additional individuals to enter the room and submit their comments.

Please note that every effort will be made to have a video screen and audio available for those waiting outside of the room.

The doors of Corona City Hall and the Multi-Purpose Room will be open thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled meeting time.