

**EMERGENCY ORDER
OF THE CHULA VISTA DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
[Order No. 004-2020]**

Effective Date: May 22, 2020

Pursuant to CVMC section 2.14.080 [Director – Powers and Duties] and Chula Vista City Council Resolution No. 2020-065, the Chula Vista Director of Emergency Services (“Emergency Director”)

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Effective 12:00 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2020:

1. All deadlines for land use and building permit-related actions established by any provision of laws, ordinances, regulations, resolutions, rules and statutes, including provisions contained in the Housing Accountability Act, Permit Streamlining Act, California Environmental Quality Act, the Subdivision Map Act, and Chapters 13, 15, 17, 18, and 19 of the Chula Vista Municipal Code, are hereby tolled and extended starting May 22, 2020 for 180 days.
2. For purposes of this order, “deadlines for land use and building permit-related actions” shall include:
 - a. Deadlines to review, determine the completeness of, or take action on applications for land use entitlements, permits, and approvals issued under Chapter 19 of the Chula Vista Municipal Code.
 - b. Deadlines to open or conclude public hearing on, or to authorize an automatic approval, denial, or disapproval of, applications for land use entitlements, permits, or approvals issued under Chapter 19 of the Chula Vista Municipal Code.
 - c. Deadlines to exercise and continuously pursue the rights granted under land use entitlements, permits and approvals issued under Chapter 19 of the Chula Vista Municipal Code.
 - d. Deadlines for review and approval of applications for a building permit, plan review and related approvals issued under Chapter 15 of the Chula Vista Municipal Code.
 - e. Deadlines for expiration of issued building permits, plan reviews and related approvals issued under Chapter 15 of the Chula Vista Municipal Code.
3. In the event of conflict, all deadlines for land use and permit-related actions shall be tolled and suspended consistent with State law and any directives issued by the Governor.

4. Tolling provisions do not apply to deadlines for complying with code enforcement orders for life safety corrections issued by the Building Official or Fire Marshall.
5. Nothing in this order prohibits applicable City Departments from continuing to process applications in a reasonable and timely manner.
6. This order may be expanded, interpreted, or amended pursuant to the independent judgment of the Chula Vista Director of Emergency Services and in accordance with Chula Vista Municipal Code section 2.24.080(F)(1).

GENERAL PROVISIONS


7. This order is issued as a result of a worldwide COVID-19 pandemic declared by the World Health Organization on January 30, 2020 and a Public Health Emergency due to the COVID-19 virus declared by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services on January 31, 2020.
8. As of the date of this order, the COVID-19 virus continues to represent a danger to the Chula Vista community (to persons and property including both physical and economic harm), and has significantly impacted the City's personnel and financial resources. The actions required by this Order are necessary to reduce the number of individuals who will be exposed to COVID-19, and will thereby slow the spread of COVID-19 in the City of Chula Vista. By reducing the spread of COVID-19, this Order will save lives and increase public safety to persons and property, and reduce both physical and economic harm.
9. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference: the Proclamation of Local Emergency issued by the Chula Vista Director of Emergency Services on March 13, 2020; Chula Vista City Council Resolution No. 2020-065; Chula Vista City Council Emergency Ordinance No. 3484-A; Emergency Order 002-2020 of the Chula Vista Emergency Services Director; the Declaration of Local Health Emergency issued by the County of San Diego Health Officer on February 14, 2020; the County of San Diego Order of the Health Officer and Emergency Regulations (Effective May 10, 2020); the Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by the Governor of the State of California on March 4, 2020; Executive Order N-33-20 issued by the Governor of the State of California on March 19, 2020; COVID-19 guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health on including, but not limited to the Face Coverings Guidance issued on April 1, 2020; the State of California's "Resilience Roadmap"; and Proclamation 9984 regarding COVID-19 issued by the President of the United States on March 11, 2020.

10. This Order comes after the release of substantial guidance from the County of San Diego Health Officer, the California Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other public health officials throughout the United States and around the world.

11. With this Order, the Emergency Director is hereby exercising their independent judgment to make and issue rules and regulations reasonably related to the protection of life and property, pursuant to Chula Vista Municipal Code section 2.24.080(F)(1), subject to confirmation of the City Council at the earliest practical time.

SO ORDERED,


BY:

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Gary Halbert,
City Manager/Director of Emergency Services

Approved as to Form:

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