

**DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
PROCLAMATION NO. 1 (2020)**

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF  
THE CITY OF LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA,  
PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ALCOHOL FOR ON-SITE CONSUMPTION,  
AND PROHIBITING THE ON-SITE SMOKING OF CANNABIS  
AT ANY COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESS, ON THE  
SAINT PATRICK'S DAY HOLIDAY WITHIN THE CITY OF LOMPOC  
RELATED TO THE PANDEMIC OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

**WHEREAS**, section 2.36.060(A)(6)(a) of the Lompoc Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services, in the event of the proclamation of a "state of emergency" by the Governor of California, to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency; provided, however, such rules and regulations must be confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has declared a State of National Emergency related to the spread of the COVID-19 virus and the Governor of the State of California has proclaimed a State of Emergency for the State of California and issued Executive Orders directing measures to mitigate the spread of cases of COVID-19 within the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City, caused by one or more confirmed cases in the County of Santa Barbara and the risk of spread of the pandemic of the virus known as COVID-19 and the demands on public services to mitigate and respond to those risks, as described in the President's Declaration of a National Emergency and the Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency, and the recitals therein which are included here as though fully set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the conditions of extreme peril concerning the spread of COVID-19 warrant and necessitate measures to ensure social distancing and deter large congregations of persons that increase the risk of community spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Newsom has directed that all jurisdictions should limit gatherings to 250 people or less, smaller gatherings and restaurants should use social distancing measures, and that bars, pubs, and wineries in the state should close; and the Centers for Disease Control has advised against gatherings of more than fifty people in order to mitigate against the spread of COVID-19 for the next eight weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Saint Patrick's Day holiday typically draws large crowds to numerous bars, pubs, nightclubs, and other alcohol serving establishments throughout the City and County, encourages large concentrations and migrations of persons among alcohol serving businesses and on the streets throughout the City, and results in widespread, often heavy, alcohol consumption and associated adverse impacts on judgement and social behaviors detrimental to mitigating the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on-site smoking of cannabis at commercial cannabis businesses may also draw large crowds on the Saint Patrick's Day holiday, and result in widespread associated adverse impacts on judgment and social behaviors detrimental to mitigating the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, in many other locations that are currently suffering an epidemic, testing has shown that the virus has the ability to spread fast and result in serious illness or death to vulnerable populations, including the elderly and those with underlying health conditions and the City of Lompoc will be required to help enforce all restrictions imposed by the State of California and by the County of Santa Barbara acting as the health agency; and

**WHEREAS**, heightened levels of public health and safety planning and preparedness have been necessitated in preparation for the emergence of confirmed cases of COVID-19 and now that one or more cases have been confirmed in the County of Santa Barbara, immediate action must be taken to prevent the spread of the virus and to limit high risk activities, requiring rapid response not lending itself to otherwise applicable notice and approval timelines to mitigate against the further spread of COVID-19 and its resulting public health and safety impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, in the absence of such actions, city and county wide health services may become overwhelmed and unable to keep up with medical demand for care and availability of hospital or care facility capacity and the health and safety of persons within the City will be endangered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Lompoc that:

**SECTION 1.** The above recitals are true and correct. Emergency measures are necessary to prevent or minimize the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public health and safety of the citizens of Lompoc.

**SECTION 2.** In order to deter and prevent large scale gatherings and alcohol consumption related to the Saint Patrick's Day holiday that will impair judgment and impair adherence to necessary social distancing and personal hygiene protocols, **all on-site alcohol-serving establishments in the City of Lompoc are hereby prohibited from serving alcohol in the City from 9:00 hours (9 a.m.) on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 until 12:00 hours (noon) on Wednesday, March 18, 2020.**

**SECTION 3.** In order to deter and prevent large scale gatherings and cannabis consumption related to the Saint Patrick's Day holiday that will impair judgment and impair adherence to necessary social distancing and personal hygiene protocols, **all on-site smoking of cannabis at commercial cannabis businesses in the City of Lompoc is hereby prohibited from 9:00 hours (9 a.m.) on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 until 12:00 hours (noon) on Wednesday, March 18, 2020.**

**SECTION 4.** This proclamation shall be presented to the City Council of the City of Lompoc at its March 17, 2020 meeting, pursuant to Lompoc Municipal Code section 2.36.060(A)(6)(a).

**SECTION 5.** This proclamation shall be enforceable and violations shall be subject to penalties under Lompoc Municipal Code Chapter 1.24. Violations of this proclamation shall be a misdemeanor.

The foregoing proclamation was approved this 17th day of March, 2020.

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Jim Throop, Director of Emergency Services

ATTEST:

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Stacey Haddon, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Jeff Malawy, City Attorney

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Lompoc, California this 17th day of March, 2020.

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Stacey Haddon, City Clerk