

**PUBLIC ORDER NO. 2020-6**

**PUBLIC ORDER NO. 2020-6 OF THE CITY MANAGER UNDER CITY OF TORRANCE'S EMERGENCY AUTHORITY LIMITING PARKING OF VEHICLES IN PUBLIC PARKS AND PARKING LOTS SERVICING PUBLIC PARKS TO 2 HOURS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:01 A.M. AND 9:59 PM**

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 8634 empowers the City Council and delegated officials to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for protection of life or property during a local emergency; and;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has specifically delegated this authority to the City Manager as Director of Emergency Services in Chapter 6 of Division 1 of the Torrance Municipal Code. Further, the City Council confirmed this delegation of authority by Resolution on March 16, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, this order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference the March 19, 2020, Executive Order issued by Governor Newsom, Order N-33-20 wherein the Governor ordered all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, as outlined at <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid19>; and

**WHEREAS**, this order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference the March 13, 2020, Proclamation and Order of the President of the United States declaring a national emergency in response to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, this order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference the March 12, 2020 Proclamation by the City Manager proclaiming a local emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19, which said Proclamation and order was ratified by the City Council on March 17, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, this order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference the March 4, 2020, Executive Order issued by Governor Newsom, Order N-25-20 wherein the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend guidelines to maintain hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and social distancing to protect public health and slow the transmission of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Public Health has issued guidance to postpone or cancel all gatherings across the State of California to protect public health and slow the rate of transmission of COVID-19. Gathering is defined as any event that brings together people together in a single room or single space at the same time; and

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**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Health states that the timely implementation of aggressive strategies that create social distance and those that reduce close contact of people not regularly together, including limiting gatherings, has proven effective in prior pandemics at delaying rates of transmission and reducing illness and death; and

**WHEREAS**, this order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference the Health Officer of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Order of March 16, 2020. The Order states that in the absence of a specific immunization or treatment for COVID-19, social distancing is the only and most readily available tool to prevent this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, this order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference the Health Officer of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Safer at Home Order for Control of COVID-19 of March 21, 2020 which amended and supplemented the March 16, 2020 and March 19, 2020 orders; and

**WHEREAS**, this order is issued in accordance with, an incorporates by reference the Health Officer of Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Home Isolation Order (issued March 25, 2020) and Home Quarantine Order (issued March 25, 2020); and

**WHEREAS**, despite the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended guidelines to maintain social distancing and despite the California Department of Public Health's issued guidelines to postpone or cancel all gatherings across the State of California, individuals have continued to congregate in City Parks and at times have disregarded social distancing guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to limit parking to stagger visits at Torrance parks and to help slow the transmission of COVID-19, so that residents and visitors in Torrance remain safe and secure.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as City Manager of the City of Torrance pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code 8634, the City Charter, Torrance Municipal Code 16.2.6, the laws and the Constitution of the State of California to promulgate, issue, and enforce rules, regulations, orders, and directives, I hereby declare the following orders to be necessary for the protection of life and property, effective at 6:01 am April 10, 2020. **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. No person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle in any Public Park or Park Parking lot servicing the Park or attached thereto between the hours of 6:01 am and 9:59 p.m. for over 2 hours. Violators will be subject to citation, towing, or both. Violators will be towed at owner's expense.


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2. All Public Parks and Park parking lots will be posted to provide notice of parking prohibition and consequential towing. The prohibition will not be effective unless the required signs are posted.
3. The prohibition in section 1 does not apply to those vehicles parked in Public Parks or Park parking lots approved by a City department with jurisdiction over the Park or Park parking lot, when approved by such a department allowing parking between 6:01 a.m. and 9:59 p.m. Every vehicle so approved shall display a permit issued by such a department in the bottom left hand corner of the front windshield.
4. Any vehicle found parked for over 2 hours in a Public Park or Park parking lot between the prohibited hours listed in subsection 1 will be cited, towed at the owner's expense, or both.
5. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that violation of this Order shall be punished as provided by in Torrance Municipal Code Section 61.6.18, or any applicable state or municipal law. The remedies listed in this Order are not exclusive of any other remedies available to the City under any applicable Federal, State, or local law and it is within the discretion of the City to seek cumulative remedies.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Order shall apply Citywide until rescinded by the City Council or City Manager.

DATE: 9 April 2020

  
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LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager and Director  
of Emergency Services

TIME: 1:39 pm