

BEFORE THE CITY OF CANNON BEACH

FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING THE VISITOR ) RESOLUTION NO. 20-17  
EVACUATION )

WHEREAS, Governor Kate Brown, on March 8, 2020, declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 virus, finding that COVID-19 has created a threat to public health and safety, and constitutes a statewide emergency under ORS 401.025(1); and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, on March 11, 2020, declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic that causes respiratory distress with the potential to cause serious illness and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the Cannon Beach City Council declared a local state of emergency pursuant to ORS 401.309(1) in Resolution 20-09 and pursuant to the Cannon Beach Municipal Code chapter 2.42 in Resolution 20-10; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control, COVID-19 is spread mainly from person-to-person (a) between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) and (b) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. As a result, the federal and state governments have taken measure to encourage and/or order individuals to maintain social distancing; and

WHEREAS, from March 16, 2020 through March 22, 2020 the City of Cannon Beach experienced a heavy influx of visitors from outside the City; and

WHEREAS, visitors congregated throughout the City without following social distancing guidelines issued by state and federal health authorities and caused a depletion of critical resources such as food and supplies at local vendors; and

WHEREAS, many of the local residents of Cannon Beach are retired and therefore, the City's population skews older than the general population. As a result, the local population is more vulnerable to the deadly effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the northern Oregon coast has limited medical resources, which further endangers the local population when there are large influxes of visitors during times of declared emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Cannon Beach City Council believes an ongoing influx of visitors to the City poses a serious risk to the health and welfare of the local populations during the COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Cannon Beach City Council passed Resolution 20-11 evacuating visitors and restricting the operation of Hotels (including short-term rentals) within the

City with limited exceptions pursuant to ORS chapter 401 and then pursuant to the Cannon Beach Municipal Code chapter 2.42 in Resolution 20-12; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kate Brown followed up the March 8<sup>th</sup> declaration on March 23, 2020, with Order 20-12 “Stay Home, Stay Safe” further enforcing social distancing measure designed to mitigate the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the state and nation continue to address the growing COVID-19 public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cannon Beach continues to be concerned that its close proximity to the Portland metropolitan region will make it an attractive destination for day trips as well as overnight stays as the spring and summer approach; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020 the City Council extended the visitor evacuation until April 15, 2020 in Resolution 20-14; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020 the City Council again extended the visitor evacuation in Resolution 20-15; and

WHEREAS, as conditions have not changed for the better, the City of Cannon Beach believes it is necessary to extend the visitor evacuation once again; and

WHEREAS, the City Council anticipates this restriction will extend for the length of the City’s declared state of emergency, but will re-evaluate the need for the restriction at regular intervals.

NOW THEREFORE, the Cannon Beach City Council, resolves as follows:

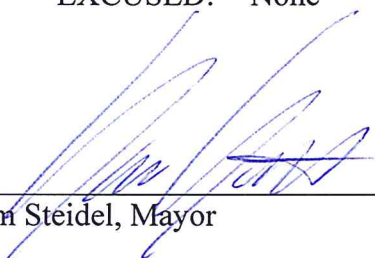
**Section 1.** The City of Cannon Beach extends the evacuation of visitors pursuant to Resolution 20-11 sections 1 and 2 and Resolution 20-12 until at least June 2, 2020.

**Section 2.** This Resolution is effective immediately.

Dated and effective this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Cannon Beach this 5th day of May 2020, by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilors Benefield, McCarthy, Ogilvie, Risley and Mayor Steidel  
NAYS: None  
EXCUSED: None

  
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Sam Steidel, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Bruce St. Denis, City Manager