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**City Council Extends Protections to Fill Gaps Left
by County Vote Removing County Health Orders**

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Anticipating the County's potential Friday vote, the City Council voted 5-0 on Thursday night to fill the gaps left by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors removal of County health orders. Following the County's vote, residents and businesses within Palm Springs will now be governed by the State's Stay at Home orders, as well as several emergency orders issued by the City of Palm Springs. The orders include the following rules:

- Residents are to stay at home, unless they are engaging in essential activities, such as working at an essential business or going to the grocery store or drug store.
- Residents are generally encouraged to engage in outdoor recreational activities, such as going for walks or taking their dogs for walks.
- Residents must wear face coverings in public settings, unless they are able to maintain social distancing.
- While in public settings, residents are required to engage in social distancing with those who are not members of their household.
- Only "essential" businesses (as defined by the State) and "lower risk workplaces" (such as retail with curbside pickup, manufacturing and logistics) can remain open.
- Golf, tennis and pickle ball have been allowed to re-open, subject to strict safety protocols.
- Private community swimming pools within HOAs and apartments will not be closed by the City, as long as appropriate social distancing, (which does not apply to members of the same household) and sanitation practices are maintained.
- A strong recommendation is made that all persons who are 65 years or older, have a chronic underlying health condition, or have a compromised immune system self-quarantine themselves at home.
- All stores designated as "essential" that provide in-person shopping will be required to implement worker and customer safety measures that were previously required only of grocery and drug stores.

In a joint statement by Mayor Geoff Kors and David H. Ready, Palm Springs City Manager/Emergency Services Director, they indicated that "The City Council is committed to implementing the State's public safety orders and, as necessary, issuing its own emergency orders, in order to protect the health and safety of our residents, so our economy can rebound as quickly as possible."

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