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City of Solvang, California Informs of Issuance of State Governor Executive Order to Shelter at Home, Effective Thursday, March 19, 2020

Solvang, CA – Today, Friday, March 20, 2020, at 7:00 PM, the City of Solvang, California (www.CityofSolvang.com) will hold a [Special Emergency City Council Meeting](#) in the Council Chambers, inside Solvang City Hall. During the meeting, Solvang Mayor Ryan Toussaint, joined by Solvang City Council members, will be providing the best information available to the City, as relates to the State Governor's executive order to shelter at home, issued March 19, 2020.

The City of Solvang strongly urges the public to watch the City Council meeting from their homes; the link for doing so is here: www.CityofSolvang.com/YouTube. Anyone wishing to make public comment may send comments to Council@CityofSolvang.com prior to 5:00 PM today, in order for the Council to attempt to secure answers to particular questions.

During the [Special Emergency Meeting of the Solvang City Council](#) on March 12, 2020, City Council authorized City staff to carry out any mandates handed down from the State of California and Santa Barbara County, as relate to COVID-19. The new City of Solvang executive order is in line with the statewide, mandatory stay at home order issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, on March 19, 2020.

The State of California Public Health Officer Order provides that the following activities are not permitted: "Dine-in restaurants, bars and nightclubs, entertainment venues, gyms and fitness studios, public events and gatherings, convention centers."

"The health and safety of our community is our top priority. We will ensure that water services and all city essential services are not interrupted," said Solvang Mayor Ryan Toussaint.

The City of Solvang will work with residents and businesses to create immediate assistance programs, by looking into options to waive penalties for non-payment of utilities and taxes.

Mayor Toussaint continued, "We understand there has been and will continue to be significant financial impact in the City, and in particular to our tourism industry. We will continue to work with State and Federal officials as they build out financial support packages. As we are the local agency closest to your impacts, we will provide real world information on what is needed by our citizens and guide effective and efficient help and relief. To that end, we ask businesses impacted by the disruption caused by coronavirus to compile and help us report documented losses on a monthly basis, beginning with January 2020. We also ask you to provide detail on any particular assistance you need to weather the current disruption conditions and for quick recovery when that can begin. We will have a form available to submit that information on SolvangResources.com, and will use this important data in our conversations with State and Federal authorities."

Information provided by the State of California as pertains to this order, is here: covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs. The City of Solvang will also post updates and information about the order, on the new Solvang Resources website: www.SolvangResources.com.

Questions related to the City of Solvang executive order to shelter at home, may be directed to EmergencyResponse@CityofSolvang.com.

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