



TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Charlie W. Ebeling, Public Works Director

CONTACT: George Thomson, Parks and Open Space Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution to Close Beach Parking Lot Over Labor Day Weekend

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 20-__entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, to Close Beach Parking Lot Over Labor Day Weekend."

BACKGROUND:

On March 4, 2020 Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for conditions caused by COVID-19, and on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, and on March 17, 2020, the Goleta City Council adopted Resolution No. 20-18, approving and ratifying the City Manager's declaration of emergency and attendant orders.

On March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-33-20, an Order of the State Public Health Officer ordering all individuals living in California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of outlined federal critical infrastructure sectors.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Health, and the Santa Barbara County Department of Public Health have all issued recommendations including but not limited to strict adherence to social distancing guidelines, wearing face coverings, canceling or postponing group events, working from home, and other precautions to protect public health and prevent transmission of this communicable virus.

Before the Fourth of July weekend, the County Health Officer issued Health Officer Order No. 2020-13, an order temporarily closing all public beaches in Santa Barbara County. In tandem, the cities of Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, Goleta and the County closed parking lots to beaches. The City closed the Sperling Parking Lot at Ellwood Mesa located at 7700 block of Hollister Avenue over the holiday weekend.

The County and those same other cities have expressed a desire to close the beaches and beach parking lots over the Labor Day weekend. Official orders have

not been issued yet by those agencies as of the date of publication of this staff report.

DISCUSSION:

Like the Fourth of July weekend, Labor Day weekend annually draws large crowds of individuals to beaches located throughout the County. These large gatherings make social distancing efforts impracticable and bring together individuals that are not members of the same household, thereby facilitating community transfer of COVID-19.

On August 25, 2020, the City Manager issued Emergency Order No. 20-08 (Attachment 2), an order temporarily closing the Sperling Parking Lot over Labor Day weekend. The order will become effective on Saturday, September 5, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. through 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Staff must act swiftly to prepare for the parking lot closure, including posting signage, installing barricades and traffic signal controls at the nearby intersection, applying for a Coastal Development Permit waiver and communicating to the public that the Sperling Parking Lot to the Ellwood Mesa will be closed.

As staff did for the Fourth of July weekend, we will be communicating with the Goleta Unified School District. The School District is planning to barricade the entrance to the Ellwood School Elementary School parking lot, located across Hollister Avenue from the Sperling Parking Lot. With both parking lot entrances closed, Public Works will place the traffic signal at the intersection on flash. While on flash, all users of the intersection are required to treat the intersection as if it were controlled by stop signs.

Also similar to the Fourth of July weekend, staff will work with the Ritz-Carlton Bacara to close the Haskell's Beach parking lot and assist with their efforts to obtain a Coastal Development Permit waiver.

Lastly, staff will monitor the Sperling Parking Lot over the Labor Day weekend to ensure that signage, barricades and traffic signal controls remain installed properly.

Staff is requesting that City Council ratify Emergency Order No. 20-08 closing the Sperling Parking Lot at Ellwood Mesa beginning at 12:01 a.m. on September 5, 2020 through 6 a.m. on September 8, 2020 in order to avoid group gatherings and prevent transmission of COVID-19.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

There is no direct fiscal impact from adopting this resolution.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could choose to not ratify the order, at which point the City Manager's order would become null.

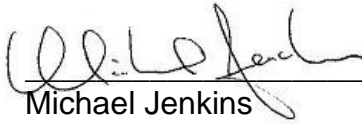
Reviewed By:

Legal Review By:

Approved By:



Kristine Schmidt
Assistant City Manager



Michael Jenkins
City Attorney



Michelle Greene
City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 20-__ entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, to Close Beach Parking Lot Over Labor Day Weekend"
2. Emergency Order No. 20-08, entitled "An Emergency Order of the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Goleta, California, to Close Beach Parking Lot Over Labor Day Weekend"

ATTACHMENT 1:

Resolution 20-__ entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, to Close Beach Parking Lot Over Labor Day Weekend"

RESOLUTION NO. 20-__

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, TO CLOSE BEACH PARKING
LOT OVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

The City Council of the City of Goleta does hereby find, order and resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. For the reasons set forth in the order, Emergency Order 20-08 dated August 25, 2020 issued by the Director of Emergency Services to close Sperling Parking Lot at Ellwood Mesa located at the 7700 Block of Hollister Avenue, effective at 12:01 a.m. (PDT) September 5, 2020 and continuing until 6 a.m. (PDT) September 8, 2020 over Labor Day weekend is ratified.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of September 2020.

PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

MICHAEL JENKINS
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 20-__ was duly adopted by
the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the 1st day of
September 2020, by the following roll call vote of the City Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

(SEAL)

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

ATTACHMENT 2:

Emergency Order No. 20-08, entitled "An Emergency Order of the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Goleta, California, to Close Beach Parking Lot Over Labor Day Weekend"

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 20-08

AN EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, TO CLOSE BEACH PARKING LOT OVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND

The Director of Emergency Services of the City of Goleta does hereby find as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals.

- A. International, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named "SARS-CoV-2," and the disease it causes which has been named "coronavirus disease 2019," abbreviated COVID-19, ("COVID-19").
- B. On March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for a broader spread of COVID-19.
- C. On March 12, 2020, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Officer declared a local and public health emergency in response to increased COVID-19 spread across the country and Santa Barbara County.
- D. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency and announced that the federal government would make emergency funding available to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19.
- E. On March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution 20-18 which ratified the City Manager's emergency declaration and imposed attendant orders to close restaurants, gyms, movie theaters and the like; to prohibit the use of City play structures and exercise equipment in its parks; and to prohibit residential and commercial evictions based on nonpayment of rent due to loss of income from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- F. On March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of California, also issued Executive Order N-33-20, an Order of the State Public Health Officer ordering all individuals living in California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of outlined federal critical infrastructure sectors.

- G. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Health, and the Santa Barbara County Department of Public Health have all issued recommendations including but not limited to strict adherence to social distancing guidelines, canceling or postponing group events, working from home, and other precautions to protect public health and prevent transmission of this communicable virus. Other counties throughout the state have similar directives.
- H. The Santa Barbara County Health Officer has reported a sharp increase in new confirmed COVID- 19 cases and hospitalizations in the County.
- I. According to the County Health Officer, evidence demonstrates that the timing of these increases is in line with the reopening of key sectors, including bars and indoor & outdoor operators of certain business that have been found to promote the mixing of populations beyond households, and activities within these businesses make adherence to social distancing and consistently wearing a face covering difficult.
- J. On June 28, 2020, Governor Newsom ordered the closure of bars, breweries, brewpubs, and pubs in counties that have been on the State's County Monitoring list, which includes the County of Santa Barbara.
- K. On July 1, 2020, Governor Newsom ordered the closure of indoor operations of restaurants, wineries, movie theaters, family entertainment centers, zoos, museums and cardrooms in counties that have been on the State's County Monitoring list. which includes the County of Santa Barbara.
- L. On July 2, 2020, the County Health Officer issued Health Officer Order No. 2020-12.3 which ordered the closure of all brewpubs, breweries, bars, and pubs (indoors and outdoors) and indoor operations of all businesses included in the Governor's order on July 1, 2020.
- M. Labor Day weekend annually draws large crowds of individuals to beaches located throughout the County. These large gatherings make social distancing efforts impracticable and bring together individuals that are not members of the same household, thereby facilitating community transfer of the disease. Stringent preventive measures are necessary to protect the health and safety of residents, in light of the recent and alarming increase of confirmed COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.
- N. In anticipation of the potential for large gatherings at beaches over Labor Day weekend, the County of Santa Barbara and cities of Santa Barbara and Carpinteria are considering closing the parking lots to their beaches.

O. This Order is an exercise of the Director of Emergency Services' emergency powers as provided for under State law and Chapter 2.10 of the Goleta Municipal Code, is temporary in nature and intended to protect the peace, health, and safety of the public, and to protect life and property as affected by the emergency.

P. The City Council of the City of Goleta is not in session (and cannot immediately be called into session).

SECTION 2. The Director of Emergency Services hereby orders the closure of the Sperling Parking Lot at Ellwood Mesa located at the 7700 Block of Hollister Avenue, effective at 12:01a.m. (PDT) September 5, 2020 and continuing until 6:00 a.m. (PDT) September 8, 2020.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this order is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this order.

August 25, 2020 at 6:43 pm
Date and Time

Michelle Greene
Michelle Greene
City Manager & Director of
Emergency Services

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Jenkins

Michael Jenkins
City Attorney