



## CITY OF BEND

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DATED MARCH 25, 2020  
of the  
City Manager of the City of Bend, Oregon

**TO PROTECT HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE HOSPITAL/MEDICAL SYSTEM AND  
BEND COMMUNITY DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY: DISCOURAGING TOURIST  
TRAVEL AND RELATED ACTIVITIES TO BEND EXCEPT FOR PERMITTED  
ESSENTIAL TRAVEL**

The City Manager of the City of Bend finds that:

- A. COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020.
- B. Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that can cause respiratory disease, with the potential to cause serious illness or loss of life.
- C. On March 8, 2020, Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon (Executive Order No. 20-03), finding that COVID-19 has created a threat to public health and safety, and constitutes a statewide emergency under ORS 401.025(1). Governor Brown also issued guidance regarding group gatherings and social distancing to minimize potential opportunities for the COVID-19 to spread (Executive Order No. 20-05).
- D. On March 16, 2020, I declared a local state of emergency in the city of Bend, which was ratified by the City Council on March 18, 2020, and submitted to the Deschutes County Commissioners, pursuant to Bend Municipal Code 1.60.015.
- E. In mid-March, the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems and the Oregon Academy of Family Physicians, which represents more than 1,700 physicians, family medicine residents and medical students, and various public health officials, urged the Governor to issue a shelter in place order, citing significant concerns over a potential hospital surge and capacity--bed space, personal protective equipment and staffing, and to slow the spread of the epidemic.
- F. On March 23, 2020, Governor Brown issued a Stay Home, Save Lives Order, which, among other things, directed individuals to minimize travel, other than essential travel to or from a home, residence, or workplace; for obtaining food, shelter, essential consumer needs, education, health care, or emergency services; for essential business and government services; for the care of family members, household members, elderly persons, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons,

pets or livestock; travel as directed by government officials, law enforcement, or courts; and other essential travel consistent with the directives of executive orders issued by Governor Brown and guidance from the Oregon Health Authority. (Executive Order No. 20-12).

G. I have been in regular contact with local agency leaders and public health experts, including the Deschutes County Health Services Director for countywide information and updates. The City has been closely monitoring updated information for the state through the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for U.S. updates. The primary focus at the City is to restrict the spread of COVID-19 and to maintain the health of the community.

H. Deschutes County Emergency Manager Nathan Garibay has noted that the local hospitals and emergency responders' supply of masks and critical personal protective equipment is in dangerously short supply, and that social distancing and staying at home is now the best tool that we have to slow the spread of the virus.

I. Dr. George Conway, Deschutes County Health Services Director, has cautioned: "If each of us starts doing our part now, we can reduce the spread of COVID-19, to protect our family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers, and could even save the lives of vulnerable people....Our not taking the best actions now could mean that our hospitals could be overwhelmed with many very ill people in the weeks and months to come....While we cannot stop the cases already underway, each one of us can slow the number of cases in the future and help to ensure that there will always be enough hospital beds, ventilators and other life-saving equipment available to give critical life supports to those who need it. There is not enough capacity here, or anywhere, to take care of everyone at once, if and when this epidemic peaks, unless we take this seriously and act now to slow the spread of COVID-19."

J. At a March 23, 2020 COVID-19 Update, St. Charles sponsored a public health update for elected officials and the medical community with one clear message: the medical community in the region, has a critical shortage of supplies. Without the ability to aggressively test and isolate more parties, we must prevent the spread of the virus by issuing and enforcing orders to stay home. Based on the estimates for the tri-county region, even with intervention strategies, under the best case scenario, one model shows the potential need for up to 900 non-ICU hospital beds and more than 250 beds in the first week of June. The medical community is urging all local officials to support surge planning through a call to action: 1) share the stay home message, 2) support the hospital with increased restrictions on movement, and 3) get the word out.

K. Travel between different communities has been shown to facilitate the spread and transmission of COVID-19. Travel between communities poses a risk to travelers, the communities they visit, those in their home communities, and others. It is imperative that we do everything we can to keep everyone as close to their homes as possible while this crisis continues. The compounding impacts and highly infectious nature of the novel coronavirus demand unprecedented measures to protect everyone.

L. The City's tourism industry, including Visit Bend, has already been responsive to this crisis. Visit Bend and the tourism industry communicated early that now is not the time to visit Bend or anywhere, but to stay safe and stay home. Bend will be here when this is over. This Order is to further these efforts, and to create certainty and consistency and uniform application of tourism lodging restrictions in this unique situation for the safety and health of the entire community.

M. Bend has been a significant destination for tourism and other vacation travel, however the presence of COVID-19 in Deschutes County and throughout the state of Oregon makes tourism and other recreational and non-essential travel potentially hazardous to public health.

N. This Order should be broadly distributed, including through the City's social media channels, so the community is aware of the City Manager's Order.

O. If non-essential travel persists or increases, the City may consider a City Council resolution or ordinance or other measures prohibiting non-essential travel within the City, including penalties for violation.

Now, therefore, based on the above findings,

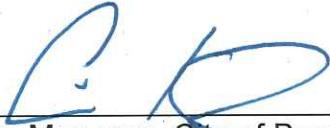
THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF BEND ORDERS THAT:

1. A State of Emergency continues to exist throughout the city of Bend.
2. To reduce exposure to and spread of COVID-19, and in support of state orders to minimize all non-essential travel, individuals are strongly encouraged to remain at their place of permanent residence and not travel to other locations except as absolutely necessary for health, safety, or employment, and consistent with the Executive Orders of Governor Brown and guidance from the Oregon Health Authority. Travel away from home for recreational or vacation purposes is strongly discouraged and should be avoided.
3. All stays in Bend at hotels, motels, inns, bed and breakfasts, RV parks, short term rentals, and all other temporary lodging options that have not commenced as of the effective date of this order are highly discouraged, unless for reasons of health, safety, or employment, or other permitted essential travel as further defined in the Governor's Order.
4. As of the date of this Order, operators of temporary lodging facilities are strongly requested to refrain from booking any new reservations for tourist accommodation, and only book reservations needed for health, safety, or employment or other permitted essential travel.
5. This Order does not apply to reservations for stays longer than 30 days, or that do not qualify as short term rentals under the City's short term rental code. It also does not apply to residential stays, of any length, for people without permanent homes (unhoused or homeless individuals) who are staying at a lodging facility

through a voucher or other program.

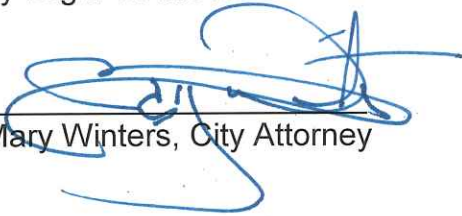
6. This Administrative Order is effective immediately, and will remain in effect until April 28, 2020, unless extended by the City Manager.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020



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City Manager, City of Bend

Reviewed and approved as to form  
by Legal Counsel:



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Mary Winters, City Attorney