



# Press Release

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## **City of Compton Declares a Local Emergency Due to COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Compton, Calif.** – On Tuesday, March 17, the Compton City Council held an emergency Council meeting and declared a local emergency authorizing temporary procedures to limit the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The resolution solidifies the Council's support of Governor Gavin Newsom's executive orders and the County of Los Angeles' health order on COVID-19. These include the closure of bars, gyms and fitness centers; the closure of all dine-in eating while restaurants focus on take-out and delivery to serve the public; the home isolation of all seniors as well as those with chronic health conditions; cancellation of all social gatherings of over 50 people; and added regulations for gatherings of over 10 people, which include social distancing of at least 6 feet and providing hand washing facilities.

In addition to supporting these recommendations at the local level, the City's resolution also created new City policies to limit the spread of COVID-19, including:

- Limiting Dial-A-Ride to a maximum of three people for essential services.
- Supporting small businesses by encouraging commercial landlords provide a payment plan for delinquent rents where appropriate.
- Directing the City Manager to develop a food bank program for Compton residents and provide other emergency supplies to Compton seniors and the disabled community.
- Directing the City Manager to establish an electronic public participation program for public meetings.
- Closing all parks, the Compton Par 3 Golf Course and the Dollarhide Community Center.
- Relaxing street sweeping parking enforcement. All parking enforcement regulations should still be adhered to throughout the City.

The City continues to closely monitor the situation and will provide updates as they become available.

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