AMENDMENT TO LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER AND REGULATION NO. 4
COVID-19

MANDATORY SHELTER AT HOME -- ALL INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE COUNTY; EXCEPT THAT INDIVIDUALS MAY LEAVE TO PROVIDE OR RECEIVE CERTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES OR ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES AND WORK FOR ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES; EXEMPTING INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS BUT URGING HOMELESS TO FIND SHELTER AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE IT; DIRECTING ALL BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO CEASE NON-ESSENTIAL OPERATIONS AT PHYSICAL LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTY; PROHIBITING ALL NON-ESSENTIAL GATHERINGS OF ANY NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS; AND CESSATION OF NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL

Please read this amendment to order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (County Code § 2.80.130.)

WHEREAS, at 6:30 p.m. on March 18, 2020, the San Luis Obispo County Emergency Services Director, in coordination with the County Health Officer and with the support of the seven cities within San Luis Obispo County, issued Local Emergency Order and Regulation No. 4 (“Order No. 4”) mandating cessation of certain activities and directing that all residents of the county shelter at home;

WHEREAS, the terms “Minimum Basic Operations” and “Essential Travel” are referenced in the order but not defined;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Amendment to Local Emergency Order and Regulation No. 4 is to set forth the definitions of Minimum Basic Operations and Essential Travel for Order No. 4, and make clear the County Health Officer’s concurrence with Order No. 4 by ratifying said order in full;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

2. For purposes of Order No. 4, the term “Minimum Basic Operations” shall mean the necessary activities related to security, maintaining the value of inventory, processing payroll and benefits, processing accounts payable/receivables, and ensuring that employees are working remotely. The term Minimum Basic Operations does not include opening the place of business to members of the public.
3. For the purposes of Order No. 4, “Essential Travel” includes travel within or without the County, or between the various counties, for any of the following purposes:

(a) Any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions or Services, Essential Businesses, or Minimum Basic Operations.

(b) Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.

(c) Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services.

(d) Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction.

(e) Travel required by law enforcement or court order.

(f) Travel necessary to vote in any election or to lodge protests for any new or proposed increase to any tax, assessment or property related fee.

(g) Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the County. Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that their transportation out of the County remains available and functional prior to commencing such travel.

4. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this order. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health.

5. This Amendment to Order No. 4 shall be effective immediately.

A copy of this Amendment to Order No. 4 shall be posted on all outside public access doors of the new County Government Center of the County of San Luis Obispo and in one public place within any area of the County within which this order and regulation applies, and personnel of the County of San Luis Obispo shall endeavor to make copies of this order and regulation available to the news media.

Date: 11 March 2020

Time: 21 March 2020

Emergency Services Director
I, Penny Borenstein, County Health Office, hereby ratify in full this Amendment and all previously issued local emergency orders and regulations issued by the Emergency Services Director in response to the COVID-19 emergency proclamation issued by the Director on March 13, 2020.

Date: 3/21/2020

County Health Officer