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CITY OF CANNON BEACH

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In March 2020, because of the conditions created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Cannon Beach declared the City in a state of emergency under state and local law and took protective measures such as evacuating visitors and imposing restrictions on hotels and short term rentals. Pursuant to Resolution 20-19 the declared state of emergency remains in effect.

Under Resolutions 20-09 and 20-10 (and subsequent re-authorizations and re-affirmations), and the Cannon Beach Municipal Code section 2.42.060 the City Manager has the authority to take protective measures imminently necessary under the circumstances for the protection of life or property or to prevent or minimize danger to lives or property.

Past actions have included limiting in-person access to meetings in the City Council Chambers to the maximum number set by the office of the Governor of the State of Oregon.

As of the date of this executive order, COVID-19 cases are increasing at an alarming rate and the City Manager sees the need to further restrict potential exposures resulting from individuals visiting the City Council Chambers to attend public meetings.

As a result, it is imminently necessary for the protection of public safety to restrict in-person public attendance at public meetings in the City Council Chamber. Effective immediately, all public access and participation for City Council, Commissions, Boards and Committees meeting will be virtual and members of these governing bodies are encouraged to attend virtually.

The City Attorney and senior staff for the City Council, Commissions, Boards and Committees are authorized to develop modifications to existing procedures that will allow continuations of city business under these unusual and difficult circumstances.

These conditions are effective immediately and shall remain in place until rescinded.

Bruce St. Denis

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