



**COVID-19 Emergency Declaration – City of Santa Cruz Executive Order No. 2020-10**  
(Installation of Temporary Tents and Related Temporary Improvements at Medical Facilities)

- A. WHEREAS, in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Santa Cruz City Council declared a local health emergency re: Coronavirus (COVID-19) by Resolution No. NS-29,640 on March 10, 2020, and under Santa Cruz Municipal Code (SCMC) §2.20.030, the City Manager serves as the Emergency Services Director.
- B. WHEREAS, in the event of an emergency declaration, under SCMC §2.20.040, as the Emergency Services Director, the City Manager has the authority to take various actions in the city's interest of public health and safety including deviating from the general permit processes to allow for an expedited review.
- C. WHEREAS, due to the current state of health emergency, the City Manager has determined the urgency and necessity of allowing the placement of temporary tents to assist in the State direction to provide COVID-19 pandemic evaluation, testing, treatment, and related medical facilities.
- D. WHEREAS, the Palo Alto Medical Clinic (PAMF) erected temporary tents for COVID-19 pandemic testing and related medical services at 2025 Soquel Avenue to address this community need. The tents at this site were placed in a location to accommodate drive-thru testing, to address personal spacing requirements, to minimize conflicts with the hospital Urgent Care use, to avoid impacts to existing accessible parking spaces, and to reduce vehicular circulation impacts on surrounding City streets, in order to provide the necessary operational criteria for COVID-19 testing facilities (i.e., initial evaluation, specimen collection processes, HIPAA and privacy needs). The tents are temporary, and PAMF has plans to relocate the facilities into their buildings. Coordination with the City's Building Division and Fire Department has occurred to ensure that the temporary facilities are safely operated and maintained.
- E. WHEREAS, other medical providers in the City may also have to quickly react to changing COVID-19 pandemic needs. Those medical providers may also have to erect temporary facilities to serve community needs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTÍN BERNAL, City Manager, in accordance with the authority provided to me as Emergency Services Director under the Santa Cruz Municipal Code, and in particular SCMC Chapter 2.20 do hereby issue the following Order, to become effective immediately.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

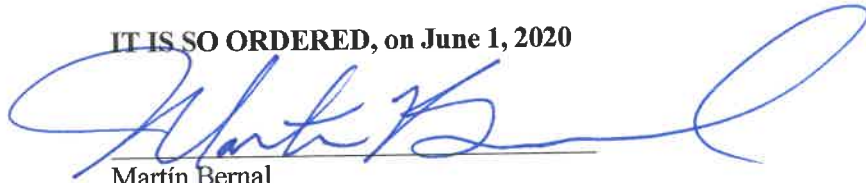
- 1) The City of Santa Cruz permit process for temporary structures (e.g., those under Zoning Ordinance Section 24.10.730(1)(y) Use Permit Requirements in the C-C Zone District);

requirements for parking spaces for commercial structures (e.g., those under Zoning Ordinance Section 24.12.210); and development standards requirements such as building setbacks for tents and related temporary structures (e.g., those under Zoning Ordinance Section 24.10.750), be temporarily changed, suspended, and modified while the Council emergency declaration remains in effect in order to facilitate the provision of medical services, thereby serving the interest of public health and safety in the City of Santa Cruz.

- 2) The Planning and Community Development Department Building Inspection Services Division and Fire Department shall coordinate to conduct inspections, as they deem necessary, of temporary medical facilities in an expedited manner to facilitate the erection of temporary tents for COVID-19 testing and related medical services. As they deem necessary, Building and Fire staff shall conduct ongoing inspections to ensure compliance with minimum safety standards.

This order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the City of Santa Cruz, its departments, officers, or employees.

**IT IS SO ORDERED, on June 1, 2020**



Martín Bernal  
City Manager / Emergency Services Director