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Subject: Construction Activities in Carmel-By-The-Sea

Development Community Partners,

The Monterey County Public Health Officer issued an amended shelter in place order on Friday, April 3rd (attached). The amended order took effect at 11:59 PM on the 3rd. The amended order further limits construction to the following activities:

v1. Construction, but only of the types listed in this subparagraph below:

- 1) Projects immediately necessary to the maintenance, operation or repair of Essential Infrastructure;
- 2) Projects associated with Healthcare Operations, including creating or expanding Healthcare Operations;
- 3) Affordable housing that is or will be at least partially income restricted, including multi-unit or mixed-use developments;
- 4) Public works projects if specifically designated as an Essential Governmental Function by the lead governmental agency;
- 5) Shelters and temporary housing, but not including hotels or motels;
- 6) Projects immediately necessary to provide critical noncommercial services to individuals experiencing homelessness, elderly persons, persons who are economically disadvantaged, and persons with special needs;
- 7) Construction necessary to ensure that existing construction sites that must be shut down under this Order are left in a safe and secure manner, but only to the extent necessary to do so; and**
- 8) Construction or repair necessary to ensure that residences and buildings containing Essential Businesses are safe, sanitary, or habitable and operable, to the extent such construction or repair cannot reasonably be delayed.**

At this time, active construction sites that do not meet the criteria above must begin the shutdown process and take all reasonable measures to ensure sites remain safe and secure. Examples of construction activities that may be completed in preparation for shutting down the

site include, but are not limited to,

- a) Make the building weather tight by sealing exterior openings and weather proofing the roof;
- b) Fill in, cover or fence off open trenches;
- c) Complete shoring required to stabilize adjacent properties;
- d) Ensure proper site drainage;
- e) Implement and maintain BMP's; and
- f) Work required to make electrical and plumbing systems safe and sanitary within occupied buildings.

Requests to complete other construction activities for health and safety reasons can be submitted to our office and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The City will continue to review and issue permits for emergency/urgent work related to electrical, mechanical or plumbing systems or stoppage of active leaks in a building's weather protection systems.

The Carmel Police Department will be monitoring activity in the village to ensure that the public health order is adhered to.

The actions we take over the next few weeks are critical to mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in our community. While we understand the financial impacts these decisions have on businesses and individuals, we ask for your continued cooperation as we make these difficult decisions in order to protect you, your families, and our community.

Thank you,



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