BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF COOS
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Exercising Emergency and Public Health Authority to Prohibit Short Term Rentals within Coos County ORDER 20-03-014L

WHEREAS, ORS 401.305 provides authority for Coos County to act as an emergency management agency, including authority to establish policies and protocols for defining and directing responsibilities during time of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Coos County Board of Commissioners (Board) declared a local state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, although in State Executive Order 20-12, the public has been ordered to avoid non-essential travel to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, Coos County has continued to experience people travelling to visit the County, purchasing supplies, camping, vacationing in lodging establishments, and recreating in hot tubs and pools, increasing the potential for positive COVID019 cases and the loss of necessary County resources; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, in Resolution 20-03-050L, the County called on all tourism promotion organizations, lodging facilities, and transient lodging providers to discourage tourism in Coos County in order to preserve the limited supplies and medical facilities in the County; and

WHEREAS, Coos County is a rural community possessed with limited emergency medical and healthcare capability, and is determined to do everything in its power to protect vital community assets during a potential surge of patients due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, closure of short terms rentals, hotels, and other overnight lodging facilities in Curry, Lincoln, Tillamook, and Clatsop counties threatens to move a significant proportion of vacationers to Coos County if no actions are taken; and

WHEREAS, the local public health administrator confirms that a continued influx of visitors, turning over on a short-term basis, increases the likelihood of the spread of coronavirus more than longer term tenancies, and threatens the limited health care resources available in Coos County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority granted the Board under ORS Chapter 401, and ORS Chapter 431 as the Local Public Health Authority, the Board deems it necessary to institute a temporary order closing hotels, motels, short-term rentals and homestay lodging, RV parks and public and private campgrounds to recreational visitors.

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. All short-term rentals, defined as rental of less than 30 days, in vacation rental dwellings, short term dwellings, homestay lodgings, hotels, motels, RV Parks, Private Campgrounds, and similar lodgings or housing are prohibited in Coos County throughout the duration of this temporary order.

2. Notwithstanding Section 1 above, short term rentals of less than 30 days are permitted if provided to the following persons:
   a. Local county residents, whether currently housed or unhoused, carrying out a COVID-19 quarantine, or who have moved from their local residence in order to allow a family member or roommate to quarantine in their local residence.
   b. Families or individuals residing in lodging for less than 30 days if temporary lodging is their only means of shelter. This provision includes, but is not limited to, vouchers for stay provided by government entities or nonprofit agencies.
   c. Employees of a facility providing lodging as a requirement or benefit of employment.
   d. Patients or families of patients receiving medical care at local facilities.
   e. Essential workers, including but not limited to doctors, nurses, other health staff, home and health care workers, Coast Guard members, truck drivers and supply providers, workers in the county whose employer pays for lodging, construction workers on local projects (including public contractors), utility crews, and other persons whose essential work in the county requires temporary accommodations.
   f. Persons in lodging for medical reasons.

3. All pools, spas, and other public bathing facilities shall be closed at lodging properties throughout the duration of this order.

4. Property owners and managers subject to this order shall take all reasonable steps to terminate the occupancy of any occupants not exempted under Section 2 no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 2, 2020.

5. Property owners or managers are required to maintain a list of which Section 2 exceptions are met by current lodgers. This list shall be made available upon request to County officials.

6. This order is effective throughout Coos County, including within the limits of incorporated cities that have not already adopted specific resolutions or orders restricting short term rentals or lodging.

7. This order is effective upon adoption by the County, and shall continue until April 30, 2020, unless extended or terminated earlier by the Board.

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Dated this 1st day of April, 2020.

Approved as to form:

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Office of Legal Counsel

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chair      Commissioner

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