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COMMUNITY UPDATE:
**City Response to Emergency Moratorium
Regarding Vacation Rentals, Home Shares & Hotels Due
to Spread of Coronavirus**

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In response to questions regarding the City and State of California moratorium regarding vacation rentals, homeshares and/or other lodging facilities such as hotels, the City would like to provide the following information:

The order allows for the following:

- **Vacations rentals, homeshares and hotels are not allowed to operate unless they are being used for mitigation and containment measures related to the spread of Covid-19, otherwise known as coronavirus. However, this does not mean that current occupants of hotels or vacation rentals must leave, if they have no other place to go or cannot travel. The order contains a Covid-19 exception that allows them to shelter in place. The terms of those stays can be extended and are to be decided by the owner and the guest.**
- **Homeowners may enter into longer term leases of their properties to be used as a residence for only those who need permanent housing or people looking to relocate here permanently.**
- **Any new hotel or rental bookings through April 30, 2020, should be immediately cancelled unless for the purposes of mitigating and containing the virus, until the declaration of emergency mandate is officially ended and restrictions lifted. Examples include housing for workers here in the Coachella Valley for essential services as listed by the State of California. Hotel occupancy is also allowed for quarantine purposes and individuals who would otherwise be homeless.**
- **A registered vacation home owner may also use their home to shelter in place.**
- **People using a hotel or vacation rental as their permanent residence may continue to shelter in place in that location.**

“The Governor has ordered that everyone in California traveling for any non-essential purpose is prohibited. Therefore hotels, vacation rentals and other lodging may not be used for leisure purposes,” said Mayor Geoff Kors. “Residents of other communities need to stay at home where they live and shelter in place so as not to add to the spread of the virus in the Coachella Valley, endangering our residents, frontline workers and local healthcare system.”

The measure is temporary and effective immediately until further notice.

