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**CITY OF FORTUNA PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

CITY OF FORTUNA COVID-19 and “Essential Infrastructure”

Fortuna, CA –

During this unprecedented time, the City is constantly monitoring and working to implement the guidance and orders from the Governor’s Office and the County Public Health Department as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the Shelter in Place Orders from the County Health Officer dated March 19, 2020 and the Governor’s Executive Order N-33-20.

It is the City’s current understanding that each of the Shelter in Place Orders issued by the County Health Officer and the Governor allow for the continuation of construction projects. The County Health Officer’s order provides: “For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residences to provide any services or perform any work to the operations and maintenance of ‘Essential Infrastructure’ including, but not limited to public works construction, construction of housing, ... water, sewer ...provided that they can carry out those services or that work in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements.” The Governor’s order provides that “all individuals living in the State of California [must] stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors.”

Although the designation of the federal critical infrastructure sectors does not provide clear directive on housing related construction activities, it is the City’s current position that residential construction activities (including repair and maintenance work) are considered essential such that

the shelter in place order does not prohibit such activity within the City, provided all other requirements of the shelter in place orders are met.

Of course, we expect that such activity will be conducted in a manner consistent with all work place safety requirements and any additional requirements relating to the coronavirus.

The Office of Emergency Services County of Humboldt COVID Business Information Line is 707-268-2527. Businesses can contact the office if they want to know if their business is considered essential. The line will also direct calls to services available like the North Coast Small Business Development Center website: <https://www.northcoastsbdc.org/covid19>

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