EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-20

HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION
LOCATED IN THE AREA AROUND SANTA CLARA AND F STREETS

As the Director of Emergency Services pursuant to Fresno Municipal Code Section 2-505, and by the powers invested in me by Fresno Municipal Code Section 2-506, I hereby issue the following order, to be effective immediately and for so long as the City’s declared emergency is in effect related to COVID-19:

The COVID-19 pandemic has created an exigent risk to the health and safety of the homeless population located in the area around Santa Clara and F Streets near downtown Fresno (the "Clean Up Zone"). The numbers of confirmed COVID positive individuals located within Fresno County have recently begun to spike at levels, which are disproportionate to most urban areas within the United States. Furthermore, there are individuals who have tested positive for the virus living in the encampment. To mitigate this risk, City staff is directed to conduct removal of accumulated trash and debris in the Clean Up Zone multiple times each week. The City has distributed garbage canisters in the area of Santa Clara, E, F, and G Streets, which will be emptied three times per week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The City will also empty two roll-offs, and collect accumulated garbage piles, on an as-needed basis. The City will not remove or destroy the personal property of any individuals. The City will post notice consistent with this Emergency Order in the Clean Up Zone.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Director of Emergency Services

Wilma Quan
City Manager

July 8, 2020  1:00pm