

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INTERIM GUIDANCE RELATED TO YOUTH SPORTS DURING COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2020, Dr. Sonia Y. Angell, California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) Director and State Health Officer, expanded statewide the indoor closures for businesses that encourage mixing of individuals beyond immediate households and make physical distancing and wearing face coverings difficult. The Order also provides that for counties on the County Monitoring List, including the County of Riverside, “the risks and impacts of disease transmission are even greater”. Therefore, the Order also required the immediate closure of indoor operations of additional businesses, events and activities in counties listed on the State’s Monitoring List. Pursuant to this Order, the indoor operation of gyms and fitness centers is not currently permitted in the County of Riverside. Once again, this Order remains in effect today and will be applicable until otherwise directed by Dr. Angell; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the July 13, 2020 Order closing the indoor operation of gyms and fitness centers in the County of Riverside, any and all youth sports and physical education programs within the County are required to take place outdoors until otherwise advised by the State Health Officer; and,

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2020, the CDPH issued new Interim Guidance as related to Youth Sports. A true and correct copy of this Interim Guidance is attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**; and,

WHEREAS, also on August 3, 2020, CDPH issued the “Youth Sports Questions and Answers” memorandum. A true and correct copy of the Frequently Asked Questions document is attached hereto as **Exhibit “B”**; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to CDPH’s Interim Guidance and FAQ’s, beginning July 30, 2020, CDPH is allowing youth sports and physical education **ONLY** when the following can be maintained: (1) physical distancing of at least six (6) feet between participants; and (2) a stable cohort, such as a class, that limits the risk of transmission. For sports that cannot be played with sufficient distancing or cohorting, only physical conditioning and training is permitted and **ONLY** where physical distancing can be maintained. Conditioning and training should focus on individual skill building (e.g., running drills and body weight resistance training). Sports that cannot be played with sufficient distancing and cohorting are not permitted; and,

WHEREAS, the August 3, 2020 Interim Guidance and FAQ’s impacts all youth sports and activities, including school-based, club and recreational youth sports, including but not limited to football, basketball, volleyball, hockey, softball, baseball, soccer, swim, water polo, gymnastics, cheer, dance, and karate; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Coachella (“City”) wishes to adopt and enforce the CDPH’s Interim Guidance in order to slow the spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the Coachella City Council adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 1159 adding Section 1.08.030 to the Coachella Municipal Code making it unlawful for any person to violate any emergency order made by the Governor of the State of California under the Emergency Services Act or any order of the State Department of Public Health or Riverside County Health Officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease; and

WHEREAS, violation of an emergency order shall be punishable by administrative citation fines, misdemeanor criminal prosecution, and/or civil action, in addition to other means listed in Urgency Ordinance No. 1159. Violations are ongoing and remedies are cumulative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Calexico, California, as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals and Exhibits. The City Council hereby finds that the foregoing recitals and exhibits (“A” - CDPH Interim Guidance and “B” - FAQs) are true and correct and are incorporated herein as substantive findings of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Adoption of CDPH Interim Guidance. The CDPH Interim Guidance as related to Youth Sports (Exhibit “A”) is hereby adopted by the City of Coachella.

SECTION 3. Use of City Facilities. Use of City facilities for youth sports shall comply with the CDPH Interim Guidance (“Guidance”) attached hereto as Exhibit “A.” Any use that cannot comply with the Guidance is prohibited.

SECTION 4. CEQA. The City Council hereby finds and determines that this Resolution will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore is not a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and the State CEQA Guidelines, section 15378(b)(5).

SECTION 5. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Resolution irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof.

SECTION 6. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2020.

Steven A. Hernandez
Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela M. Zepeda
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carlos Campos
City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF COACHELLA)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 2020-52 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Coachella at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 9th day of September 2020 by the following vote of Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Andrea J. Carranza, MMC
Deputy City Clerk