

TOWN OF ALTA EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
No. 3 of 2020

MAYOR'S EXERCISE OF EMERGENCY POWERS RELATED TO
TOWN OF ALTA EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 1 OF 2020

On March 14, 2020, pursuant to his authority from Utah Code Sections 53-2a-205, 53-2a-208(1) and 53-2a-209(1), the Mayor the Town of Alta declared a local emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

On March 18, 2020, pursuant to his authority from Utah Code Sections 53-2a-205, 53-2a-208(1) and 53-2a-209(1), the Mayor issued Proclamation No. 2, an order prohibiting groups of more than 10 people, closing restaurants, bars, taverns, lodges, and nightly rental properties, implementing social distancing protocols for businesses and reducing Municipal Services to essential services to address the local emergency related to the spread of COVID-19.

On March 27, 2020, the Governor issued a Coronavirus Directive for Utah dated March 27, 2020 that established minimum statewide standards ("Governor's Directive"). The Governor's Directive allows for local authorities to impose more stringent directives and orders to address the unique situations in different areas in Utah.

On March 29, 2020, Salt Lake County issued Public Health Order 2020-03, requiring people to Stay Home, Stay Safe. The intent of Order 2020-03 "is to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their homes and places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling essential services to continue, and to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the greatest extent possible." Addendum A accompanies Order 2020-03, which identifies essential healthcare and public health operations, essential human services, essential governmental functions, and essential businesses and operations. The residents and businesses in the Town of Alta are now required to abide by all measures identified in Order 2020-03.

The Town of Alta includes US Forest Service land and access to trails and the outdoors. The access to that land is an attraction for the over 1.16 million people living in Salt Lake County especially as other recreation opportunities have diminished due to efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.

The Town of Alta has the only ski resort in Salt Lake County which is open to uphill skier traffic. The Town of Alta has seen over 500 cars at time parked in the Grizzly Gulch area and elsewhere in the Town in order to access the outdoors.

The Town of Alta has limited resources, a part-time medical clinic and a small Town Marshal Office. The Town's unique position as both a tourist destination and a community with many second homes adds to the public health risk, as non-residents have been sources of the COVID-19 spread throughout the United States, especially within ski resort towns.

The Town of Alta is entirely located within the Salt Lake City watershed and has limited public restroom facilities.

The Town has an important and substantial interest in protecting the health of its citizens and visitors from the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Under Utah Code Sections 53-2a-205, 53-2a-208 and 53-2a-209 while the proclamation of local emergency is in effect, the Mayor of the Town of Alta may exercise certain emergency powers by proclamation.

The Mayor of the Town of Alta therefore exercises the following emergency powers and orders, effective immediately and shall continue as long as Town of Alta Emergency Proclamation No. 1 of 2020 is in effect, unless this proclamation is amended or rescinded by the Mayor:

Section 1. **Adopting Salt Lake County Public Health Order 2020-03, requiring people to Stay Home, Stay Safe**

The Town of Alta hereby adopts and supports Salt Lake County Public Health Order 2020-03, requiring people to Stay Home, Stay Safe except where this Order # 3 is more restrictive as ordered below.

Section 2. **No Carpooling**

In support of the Salt Lake County Order which requires individuals to, at all times, maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet from any other person outside, except for members of the same household or residence, it is ordered that private vehicles shall only contain members from a single household. For purposes here, vehicles include snow cats and snowmobiles.

Section 3. **Behavior at Trailheads**

Due to the large number of people who are coming to the Town of Alta to recreate and the numerous cars transporting them, and in support of Salt Lake County Order, all persons shall remain at least six feet apart from individuals from other households at trailheads and in parking areas. No persons shall congregate or crowd at trailheads or along trails.

Section 4. **Unlawful Use of Public Property**

It is prohibited on public property for any person to urinate or defecate, except in a public restroom in receptacles placed there for such purposes.

Section 5 **Essential Businesses**

In accordance with and clarification of Salt Lake County Health Order dated March 30, 2020, Alta Ski Lifts activities related to avalanche control and first responder services are deemed Critical Infrastructure.

Section 6 **Restaurants, Bars, Taverns, Lodging.**

All restaurants, bars, and taverns in the Town of Alta, and all lodging facilities, nightly rental homes and condominiums shall remain closed to guests, customers, and the general public.

Section 7 **Town Municipal Building and Services**

All non-essential municipal services in the Town of Alta shall remain closed. Specifically, public access to non-emergency or essential services will be reduced at the Town Office and Alta Central. Town staff will be available by phone or electronic means.

Section 8 **Order No. 2 dated March 18**

Section 1 of Town of Alta Emergency Proclamation No. 2 of 2020 dated March 18, 2020 is hereby rescinded.

Section 9. **Enforcement**

In accordance with Utah Code 53-2a-209(1), this order shall have the full force and effect of law during the state of emergency and shall be deemed a municipal ordinance for purpose of Alta Town Code 1-4-1. The Town Marshal is directed to ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. Notwithstanding such, the purpose of this Order is to protect individuals' health and not to hold them criminally liable. Discretion will be used in the citing and prosecution of violations of this Order.

Section 10. **Filing and Dissemination.** This proclamation will be filed with the Town Clerk of Alta and will be delivered to Salt Lake County.

Dated this 31st day of March 2020

Harris Sondak, Mayor

ATTEST:

Piper Lever, Town Clerk