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# NEWS RELEASE

## City of Durango Issues Stay-at-Home Advisory

**Durango, CO:** Interim City Manager Amber Blake, pursuant to the emergency declaration related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) health crisis, is adopting and supporting the recent [stay-at-home advisory issued by San Juan Basin Public Health](#). This advisory will help mitigate the presence of COVID-19 in Durango as an imminent threat to public health of Durango residents and visitors.

“The City of Durango is hopeful that the Governor of Colorado will issue a **stay-at-home order** so the entire state will have the same requirements,” said Blake. “This is critical for the compliance of how we need to operate to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and ensure there is a uniform understanding of what people should be doing and should not be doing.”

“This decision was not made lightly, but we need to do everything we can to keep our community safe during this public health emergency,” said Blake.

For more details about City of Durango service and meeting adjustments, please visit [DurangoGov.org/emergency](http://DurangoGov.org/emergency)

A signed order from the Interim City Manager is attached to this news release.

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ORDER NO. 2020- 01

AN ORDER OF THE INTERIM MANAGER OF THE CITY OF DURANGO PURSUANT TO THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION RELATED TO THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS ADOPTING AND SUPPORTING THE STAY AT HOME ADVISORY ISSUED BY SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

RECITALS:

- a. The Interim City Manager of the City of Durango entered an Emergency Declaration under the provisions of Chapter 9 of the City Code related to the COVID-19 health crisis on March 16, 2020 (the Emergency Declaration).
- b. The Durango City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-07 on March 17, 2020 which ratified and extended the Emergency Declaration (the Resolution).
- c. San Juan Basin Public Health Department adopted a Public Health Advisory on March 24, 2020 strongly recommending that all persons within its jurisdiction stay at home (the SJBH Stay at Home Advisory).
- d. The provisions of the City Code provide a wide range of authority to the Interim City Manager to adopt orders designed to help mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 virus within the City.
- e. A consensus has developed among health officials that the best way to control the virus is to limit activity in non-essential businesses and to require people to confine themselves at home. The SJBH Stay at Home Advisory is designed to coordinate efforts to protect the health and welfare of the residents of the region.

ORDER:

Based on the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority described in Chapter 9 of the City Code and as affirmed in the Resolution, it is ORDERED as follows:

1. The provisions of the SJBH Stay at Home Advisory are hereby incorporated into this Order and those provisions are supported and adopted by the City of Durango and shall be deemed to be in full force and effect and shall be subject to enforcement within the City.

2. Activity related to non-essential businesses shall be curtailed and people must confine themselves to their homes except for essential activities as described in the public health and executive orders referenced in the SJBH Stay at Home Advisory to help prevent the spread of the virus.

3. The City is seeking the voluntary compliance of its residents with the SJBH Stay at Home Advisory to the greatest extent possible to avoid the imposition of more restrictive mandatory orders.

This Order shall remain in effect until further written action of the Interim City Manager.

Date: 3.24.20

  
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Interim City Manager, City of Durango, Colorado