CITY OF RENO
BUSINESS LICENSE & CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISIONS

COURTESY NOTICE

ENFORCEMENT OF NEVADA HEALTH RESPONSE COVID-19 RISK MITIGATION INITIATIVES

Reno, Nevada (April 7, 2020) - The City of Reno appreciates all businesses within the community and would like to first thank you for helping us get through this public health emergency. The City of Reno acknowledges the sacrifices made by businesses, and acknowledges that you provide employment for our residents and contribute to the local economy and tax base. Unfortunately, the country, the state of Nevada, and the City of Reno are still dealing with the negative and impacts of the Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19.

Governor Sisolak has declared a State of Emergency and issued Emergency Directive 003. The emergency regulations mandate the closure of businesses that promote recreational social gathering activities or promote extended periods of public interaction when the risk of transmission of COVID-19 is high. These businesses were ordered to close by 11:59 PM on Friday, March 20, 2020. These businesses are generally referred to as non-essential businesses. They include, but are not limited to: nightclubs, strip clubs, casinos, auditoriums, large conference rooms, meeting halls, cafeterias, dine-in restaurants, bars, pubs, wineries, breweries, gyms, health clubs, fitness centers, yoga, barre, and spin facilities, shopping malls, theaters, barbershops, spas, tanning, waxing hair, liquor stores, and nail salons.

Additionally, the Governor issued Directive 010 on April 1, 2020 to extend the closure of non-essential businesses through April 30, 2020. The City of Reno will make every effort to inform business owners if the order is lifted earlier than expected or extended for an additional period. Please keep abreast of all information related to COVID-19 with our local and national media in print, radio, television, and online.

The City of Reno is requesting and hoping that this current public health emergency can be addressed in collaboration with all residents and business owners. The City of Reno has no desire to take enforcement action on businesses. However, under the authority provided in NRS 414 and RMC Chapters 4.04 & 8.34, the City can enforce the Governor’s order through multiple actions, which include (but are not limited to), citations up to $1,000 per day, misdemeanor citations, and summary suspension or revocation of a business license. Enforcement action may be taken against owners or employees in control of the business.

Please take this courtesy notice as an opportunity to comply with the Governor’s order. Our collective success is reliant on how quickly we can minimize the spread of COVID-19 within the community. If you have any questions or seek clarification on allowable business activity for individual businesses, please feel free to contact the City at businesslic@reno.gov or (775) 334-2090.

Remember, the goal of this initiative is to protect the health and safety of Nevadans. Thank you in advance for complying and thank you for assisting the City of Reno in keeping our community safe.

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