

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY OREGON**

**In the Matter of Declaring)
an Emergency within Curry)
County and Ordering All Transient)
Lodging Establishments Closed)
in Curry County)**

ORDER 20842

WHEREAS, ORS 401.305 provides authority for Curry County to act as an emergency management agency, including authority to establish policies and protocols for defining and directing responsibilities during time of emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the Curry County Board of Commissioners declared a Local State of Emergency on March 18, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, ORS 433.443 provides authority for a Local Public Health Authority to act within its authority during times of a Local Public Health Emergency; and,

WHEREAS, although, through State and Federal Orders, the public has been ordered to stay-in-place to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Curry County has experienced an influx of people visiting the County, purchasing supplies, camping, vacationing in lodging establishments, and recreating in hot tubs, pools, and on the beaches, increasing the potential for positive COVID-19 cases and the loss of necessary resources; and,

WHEREAS, Curry County is a rural community possessed with limited emergency medical and healthcare capability, and is determined to follow medical guidance and do everything in their collective power to protect vital community assets during a predicted surge of patients due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Curry County, and subsequently its municipalities, requested Governor Brown to issue an Executive Order to protect Curry County residents and their resources from individuals visiting the County, but the request has not effectuated an Executive Order; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19 and mitigate individual and community impacts, and protect the health and safety of all citizens within Curry County, the Board of County Commissioners must implement measures to protect the citizens and resources within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ORDERS:

Section 1. All hotels, motels, short-term rentals, and homestay lodging within Curry County, including the cities that have not already adopted city specific resolutions or orders, whereby occupants pay for lodging to stay 28 consecutive days or less, shall be prohibited for the duration of this Order except for current users registered for longer than 30-days (no

new long-term rentals); persons delivering essential goods and services to the County; victims of domestic violence; health care workers; government workers; first responders; veterans; and other persons deemed by the City, County or the State to be essential or necessary during the pandemic. Persons seeking to occupy the establishments shall responsibly quarantine themselves.

FURTHERMORE, under the emergency powers granted by ORS 401.305 reaffirm that a Local State of Emergency exists within Curry County. This Order directs the Curry County Office of Emergency Management, Curry County Public Health, Law Enforcement, and Transportation Agencies to take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate enforcement and response to implement this Order. This Order shall be in effect until further notice.

This Order shall take effect at 5:00 p.m. March 27, 2020.

DATED THIS 27th day of March, 2020.

BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Christopher S Paasch, Chair



Court Boice, Vice Chair 3-27-20



Commissioner Sue Gold

Approved as to form:



John Hutt, Curry County Counsel