



MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Taxis are “Essential Businesses”

The purpose of this memo is to ensure that San Francisco Taxis are able to operate uninterrupted during the Shelter in Place. Under Order No. C19-07 issued by San Francisco Health Officer, dated March 16, 2020, taxis are considered an “Essential Business” as defined in Section 10(f) of the Order. Taxis are also considered an “essential workforce” under Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-33-20.

Taxis should be able to operate uninterrupted during the Shelter in Place, as they provide valuable service including Paratransit service. Specifically, Order No. C19-07 states in relevant part:

“3. All businesses with a facility in the County, **except Essential Businesses** as defined below in Section 10, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the County except Minimum Basic Operations, as defined in Section 10. For clarity, businesses may also continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e., working from home). **All Essential Businesses are strongly encouraged to remain open...**(Emphasis Added).

10. Definitions and Exemptions.

f. For the purposes of this Order, “Essential Businesses” means:

xvii. Airlines, taxis, and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order;”