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CITY OF VACAVILLE SERVES ‘CEASE AND DESIST’ NOTICE TO LOCAL BARBERSHOP

The City of Vacaville has served a “Cease and Desist” notice to the owner of a barbershop that is not following county and state sheltering orders.

Primo’s Barbershop has been approached several times by Vacaville Code Enforcement officers as well as the Vacaville Police Department in an effort to obtain voluntary compliance from Juan Desmarais, the owner of Primo’s.

Unfortunately, those efforts have been unsuccessful and Primo’s, which was initially closed, has reopened. As a result, the City has informed Desmarais via a letter delivered by the Vacaville Police Department that, if he continues to operate his shop, he could face a variety of legal actions. Specifically, the order states:

Please be advised that violation of the Orders carries significant criminal penalties, subjecting you to citations and/or arrest. Each violation of the Order(s) is a misdemeanor punishable pursuant to California Government Code §8665 by a fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment in county jail for up to six months; and punishable pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §120295 by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,000 per day, or by imprisonment for up to 90 days for each day a violation occurs, or both.

In addition to criminal penalties, violation of the Order(s) subjects you to potential civil and administrative consequences. The City or County could seek a temporary restraining order or injunction to prevent you from operating in violation of the Order(s); your actions could be reported to the Solano County District Attorney for prosecution of an unfair business practices civil enforcement action pursuant to Business and Professions Code §17200; and/or your actions could be reported to any applicable State or professional licensing board for independent administrative action.

The City of Vacaville appreciates the difficult circumstances that small businesses are facing, and the Mayor, City Council and City staff are working diligently through the proper channels in an attempt to ease some of the pressures on small businesses.

A special meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6 to discuss options the City has to implement a phased reopening of the community. An agenda will be posted soon.

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