



**MIJARES ANGOITIA
CORTES Y FUENTES**

NOTARY SUSPENSION DECREE

April 2, 2020

On March 31, 2020, the Mexico City Government published in its Official Gazette a Decree authorizing suspension of activities for Public Notaries of Mexico City, from April 1st to April 30, 2020, as a consequence of the Sanitary Emergency to control, mitigate and prevent the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) (the "Decree"), as well as a notice establishing measures for the day-to day business activities of such Notaries (the "Notice").

In summary, the Decree establishes:

1. To authorize the suspension of activities by Notaries of Mexico City from April 1st to April 30, 2020, to avoid the risk of contagion to Notaries, their staff and clients;
2. To ensure that all notarial services continue to be provided, particularly urgent ones, such as wills, powers of attorney, issuance of certifications, authorizations for minors to leave the country, among others, the Council of Notaries of Mexico City (the "Council") shall establish a contingency team, which will provide services and advice by any telematic means, in the understanding that clients must attend a Notary's office only to execute notarial instruments or, where appropriate, to collect documents, always complying with the sanitary measures and other measures established by each Notary;
3. To exclude from the contingency team Notaries 60 years of age or older and those who suffer from any illness that makes them vulnerable, except if a Notary requests to be included or decides not to suspend his/her activities, as authorized by the Decree;
4. To order the publication by the Council of the information relating to the contingency team, which will include the names of the notaries, address, telephone numbers, email addresses and working hours and date to provide the notarial services, together with a telephone service to receive requests, with immediate service by the Notaries on duty;

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5. To allow such Notaries who decide so to continue providing notarial services by any telematic means, in the understanding that clients must visit the Notary's office solely to execute notarial instruments or, where appropriate, to collect documents, always complying with the mandatory sanitary standards and measures established by each Notary.

The Decree entered into force on March 31, 2020 and will be in force through April 30, 2020 or such date when the Health Council of Mexico City declares the end of the Sanitary Emergency.

If you require notarial services, please be sure to contact us and we will be sure to put you in touch with a Notary that is actively providing service.

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