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# FIFTH REVISED FIRST SUPPLEMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS international, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named "SARS-CoV-2," and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019," abbreviated COVID-19, ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Department of Public Health declared a local emergency and local public health emergency to aid the regional healthcare and governmental community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the State prepare for broader spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, in response to social distancing guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the City of Santa Monica ("the City") cancelled all social gatherings (events, activities, programs, and gatherings) in City facilities that were scheduled to occur through permit or license between March 12, 2020, and March 31, 2020, absent a persuasive showing by the permittee or licensee that the gathering could take place in accordance with the guidance and directives of public health authorities; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, in response to social distancing guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and to protect the health and safety of the City workforce, the City announced that Santa Monica City Hall would be closed to the public and open only to City employees from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency and announced that the federal government would make emergency funding available to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City Manager, in his role as the Director of Emergency Services, ("Director of Emergency Services") proclaimed the existence of a local emergency pursuant to Chapter 2.16 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to ensure the availability of mutual aid and an effective the City's response to COVID-19 and this local emergency was restated on March 14, 2020, through a revised declaration of local emergency to ensure compliance with all digital signature requirements; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a first supplemental emergency order placing a temporary moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent and temporarily suspending (a) the discontinuation or shut off of water service for residents and businesses in the City for non-payment of water and sewer bills; (b) the imposition of late payment penalties or fees for delinquent water and/or sewer bills; and (c) the imposition of late payment penalties or fees for parking violations; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a second supplemental emergency order temporarily closing the Santa Monica Pier to the general public; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued a Health Officer Order for the Control of COVID-19 temporarily prohibiting group events of 50 or more people, requiring certain social distancing measures, and ordering the closure of certain businesses; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a third supplemental emergency order that ordered the temporary closure of bars and nightclubs that do not serve food, movie theaters and entertainment venues, bowling alleys and arcades, gyms and fitness centers, and non-medical physical health and beauty businesses; and temporarily prohibited restaurants, bars, and retail food facilities from serving food on-premises; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-28-20, suspending any and all provisions of state law that would preempt or otherwise restrict a local government's exercise of its police powers to impose substantive limitations on residential and commercial evictions with respect to COVID19-related rent payment issues; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Revised Fourth Supplement to the Executive Order to permit public safety facilities, hospitals, clinics, and emergency shelters in all zoning districts and allow the Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development or designee to waive development standards, design review, parking and access requirements, and sign standards related to such uses; to permit limited service and take-out restaurant uses in any zoning district that allows full-service restaurants; to allow drive-through facilities for clinics, convenience markets, farmers markets, general markets, hospitals, pharmacies, and restaurants; to suspend planning deadlines and automatic approvals; to extend interim zoning ordinances now in effect; to direct that street sweeping not be conducted unless essential for public health and safety and suspend parking citations related thereto; to suspend preferential parking rules; to suspend certain regulations relating to the operation of oversize vehicles; and to suspend Breeze bike share fees; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-29-20 which, among other things, amended Paragraph 11 of earlier Executive Order N-25-20 to suspend and waive certain provisions of state and local law, including but not limited to those provisions in the Bagley-Keene Act and the Brown Act related to the notice and accessibility requirements for the conduct of public meetings where the physical presence of public attendees or members of the public body seeking to meet are impliedly or expressly required; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Revised First Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services implementing eviction protections for residential and commercial tenants and suspending removals of rental property from the market under the Ellis Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Revised Fifth Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency implementing a rear-door boarding policy for all Big Blue Bus (BBB) customers, with the exception of Americans with Disabilities Act customers traveling in mobility devices; suspending all passenger fares on the BBB; suspending discontinuation or shut-off of water services for residents and businesses based on non-payment of water or sewer bills; suspending late payment penalties for (a) water and/or sewer bills; (b) parking citations; (c) refuse and recycling collection bills; (d) Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) charges; (e) Fire Prevention inspection charges; (f) Transient Occupancy Taxes; (g) Utility Users Taxes; and (h) Parking Facility Taxes; suspending parking restrictions and limitations in many City parking lots, parking zones, and parking spaces; and suspending penalty assessments related to business licenses and business improvement district assessments; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the City Council ratified the proclamation of local emergency made by the Director of Emergency Services, as well as the Revised First, Second, Third, Revised Fourth, and Revised Fifth Supplements thereto, and resolved that the proclamation and the aforementioned Supplements shall be operative and in effect through April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-33-20 directing all residents of the State of California to heed directives issued by the State Health Officer on the same date instructing all Californians to stay home except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued an enhanced Health Officer Order, the Safer at Home Order for Control of COVID-19, amending and superseding its March 16, 2020, Order, closing all nonessential businesses, and limiting gatherings to 9 people or less; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Sixth Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency suspending labor negotiations through April 30, 2020, so that the City may assess the financial impacts of COVID-19 prior to engaging in collective bargaining, and suspending various human resources processes in order to decrease in-person meetings and enable effective emergency response, including suspending requirements associated with the administration of competitive examinations and the appointment of individuals from eligibility lists; suspending certain requirements and minimum qualifications associated with the appointment of temporary, limited-term, and as-needed employees; and modifying the Municipal Code to state that certain additional appointments will be subject to a probationary period; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Seventh Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency aligning the Santa Monica Municipal Code with a California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control ("ABC") "Notice of Regulatory Relief" permitting restaurants and retailers holding valid ABC licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption via delivery and take-out; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued an enhanced Health Officer Order, the Safer at Home Order for Control of COVID-19, amending and superseding its March 16, 2020, and March 19, 2020 Orders, closing all nonessential businesses and prohibiting gatherings of non-household members; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued an Eighth Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency adopting as rules and regulations of the City of Santa Monica the Executive Order N-33-20, issued by the Governor of the State of California on March 19, 2020 (the "Governor's Stay at Home Order") and the Safer at Home Order for Control of COVID-19, issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health on March 21, 2020 (the "County Department of Public Health's Safer at Home Order"), including any later amendments or successors thereto, the stricter of which shall apply if there is any conflict between the Governor's Stay at Home Order and the County Department of Public Health's Safer at Home Order; and authorizing the City to issue administrative citations to enforce this and the previously issued supplements to its emergency declaration; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-37-20, building on Executive Order N-28-20 by extending the time for a tenant to respond to a summons and prohibiting the enforcement of a writ for tenants unable to pay due to reasons related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued an Addendum to the County Department of Public Health's Safer at Home Order closing all public trails and trailheads, as well as all public beaches, piers, public beach parking lots, beach bike path that traverse that sanded portion of the beach, and beach access points; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Ninth Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency closing certain City facilities, waiving late payment fees for City leases and licenses during the effective period of the order, suspending rent payments for City tenants on the Santa Monica Pier for the month of April, suspending outdoor dining licenses and outdoor dining license payments for City licensees for the month of April, granting the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development discretion to suspend additional rent or license payments for the month of April for City tenants and licensees whose operations have been closed pursuant to emergency orders issued by the City, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, or the Governor of California, authorizing the City to delay responses and productions of records in response to public record requests under specified circumstances, and extending by one month Santa Monica Fire Department annual permits of operation set to expire on May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued Addendum No. 2 to the County Department of Public Health's Safer at Home Order clarifying that all government employees are essential workers during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Tenth Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency imposing requirements specific to construction sites and projects to ensure their compliance with the social distancing and hygiene directives imposed by the County Department of Public Health's Safer at Home Order; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the Judicial Council of the State of California adopted an emergency court rule that effectively delays all evictions, other than those necessary to protect public health and safety, for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency; the rule is applicable to all courts and to all eviction cases, whether they are based on a tenant's missed rent payment or another reason; among other things, the rule temporarily prohibits a court from issuing a summons after a landlord files an eviction case, unless necessary to protect public health and safety; as a result, even if a landlord files an eviction case, he or she will not have a summons to serve on the tenant until 90 days after the emergency passes; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the City Council ratified the proclamation of local emergency made by the Director of Emergency Services, as well as the Revised First, Second, Third, Revised Fourth, Revised Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Supplements thereto, and resolved that the proclamation and the aforementioned Supplements shall be operative and in effect through April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Second Revised First Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency enhancing eviction protections to require landlords to provide notice of local eviction protections to tenants, prohibiting no-fault residential evictions, prohibiting certain evictions based on a tenant's refusal of landlord entry into a residential unit, prohibiting certain evictions of residential tenants based on the presence of unauthorized pets or occupants, prohibiting use of the eviction process to seek rent delayed under the Supplement if the landlord has already obtained compensation for the delayed rent through governmental relief, and temporarily enhancing penalties under the City's Tenant Harassment Ordinance to \$15,000; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued an Eleventh Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency requiring workers and customers at covered businesses (including but not limited to grocery stores, farmers markets, restaurants, hardware stores, transportation providers, and plumbing and similar businesses) to wear face coverings; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued a revised Safer At Home Order for Control of COVID-19 that amended and superseded the earlier March 16, 19, 21, 27, and 31 County Health Officer Orders and Addendums and continued to prohibit all indoor and outdoor public and private gatherings and events; require all businesses to cease in-person operations and remain closed to the public, unless defined as an Essential Business by the order; require the closure of all indoor malls and shopping centers, all swap meets and flea markets, indoor and outdoor playgrounds, public beaches, piers, public beach parking lots, beach access points, and public trails and trailheads; and prohibit in-person operations of all non-essential businesses; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, the City Council ratified the proclamation of local emergency made by the Director of Emergency Services, as well as the Second Revised First, Second, Third, Revised Fourth, Revised Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Supplements thereto, and resolved that the Second Revised First Supplement shall be operative and remain in effect through May 31, 2020, and that the other aforementioned Supplements shall be operative and in effect through May 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Twelfth Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency tolling deadlines for reviewing and acting on planning applications, exercising rights under planning entitlements, and expiration of building permits; permitting lodging establishments operating as hotels and motels under Santa Monica's zoning rules to allow stays of greater than 30 days, and waiving the City's rule precluding employees from accepting gifts of any sort to allow City first responders and disaster workers to take advantage of City-approved public or private discount, specials, and subsidies programs; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Third Revised First Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency extending the eviction moratorium to June 30 and modifying it by limiting the commercial tenants subject to the protections of the order to exclude multinational companies, public companies, and companies with more than 500 employees; making clear that notice and documentation that indicates any loss of income or increase in expenses due to COVD-19 is sufficient to trigger the moratorium on eviction for non-payment of rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19, and that a statement written by the tenant in a single communication may constitute both notice and documentation; and extending the protection against eviction based on rent unpaid due to financial impacts related to COVID-19 from 6 to 12 months; in addition, the Third Revised First Supplement, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order suspending state law provisions, suspends SMMC 5.45.020 and 5.45.030 to the extent they prohibit retail establishments from providing without charge reusable grocery bags or recycled paper bags or single-use plastic carryout bags to customers at point of sale and adds language to the City's Housing Trust Fund and Affirmative Housing Production Program Guidelines to extend eligibility to individuals who were working in Santa Monica prior to March 1, 2020, but lost employment due to COVID-19 related reasons; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2020, the California State Public Health Officer issued an order that stated that COVID-19 continues to present a significant risk to the health of individuals throughout California, but, consistent with Californians' mitigation efforts and other factors determined that the statewide data supported the gradual movement of the entire state form Stage 1 to Stage 2 of California's Pandemic Resilience Roadmap, while authorizing local health jurisdictions to implement or continue more restrictive public health measures if warranted; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued Addendum No. 2 to the April 10 revised County Department of Health Safer at Home Order amending that order to permit, subject to specific conditions, the reopening of certain specified types of lower-risk retail business for sales and service transactions mad via curbside pick-up or delivery only, and the reopening of all previously closed public trails and trailheads, public and private golf courses, and new and used auto sales dealerships and operations; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Fourth Revised First Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency restating the eviction moratorium and modifying it to define a set of "non-retail commercial tenants" consisting of commercial tenants, other than non-profits, that are tenants in an office building, do not collect sales tax on greater than 50% of their revenue, and do not provide medical, dental, veterinary, fitness, educational, or child, marriage, family, mental health, or substance abuse counseling services; specify that, for non-retail commercial tenants, the protection against eviction will extend only for 30 days after the expiration of the Order; and specify that, with respect to rent unpaid due to financial impacts related to COVID-19, landlords may not charge residential tenants interest on that unpaid rent for a period of 12 months following the expiration of the Order, may not charge commercial tenants (other than non-retail commercial tenants) interest on that unpaid rent for a period of 90 days following the expiration of the Order, and may not charge non-retail commercial tenants interest on that unpaid rent during the duration of the Order; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Thirteenth Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency incorporating the provisions of the Third Revised First Supplement that add language to the City's Housing Trust Fund and Affirmative Housing Production Program Guidelines to extend eligibility to individuals who were working in Santa Monica prior to March 1, 2020, but lost employment due to COVID-19 related reasons; incorporating the provisions of the Third Revised First Supplement that, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order suspending state law provisions, suspend SMMC 5.45.020 and 5.45.030 to the extent they prohibit retail establishments from providing without charge reusable grocery bags or recycled paper bags or single-use plastic carryout bags to customers at point of sale; further extending to July 1, 2020 the expiration of Fire Department annual permits of operation; and limiting to between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm on weekdays the conduct of certain loud construction activities, including cement cutting or grinding, sandblasting, and the use of pile drivers, jackhammers, or pavement breakers, at construction projects other than public works construction; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, the City Council ratified the proclamation of local emergency made by the Director of Emergency Services, as well as the Third and Fourth Revised First, Second, Third, Revised Fourth, Revised Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, and Thirteenth Supplements thereto; resolved that the local emergency shall be deemed to continue and exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council; and resolved that the Fourth Revised First and Second through Thirteenth Supplements shall be operative and remain in effect through May 15, 2020, or any later date expressly stated within the text of an individual supplement; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued a revised Safer At Home Order for Control of COVID-19 that amended and superseded the earlier March 16, 19, 21, 27, 31, April 10, and May 3 and 8, 2020 County Health Officer Orders and Addendums; recognized that existing community transmission of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County continues to present a substantial and significant risk of harm to residents' health; but took a limited and measured step to partially move the County into Stage 2 of its phased approach to reopening while keeping a low incidence of person-to-person contact and ensuring continued social distancing and adherence to other infection control procedures – accordingly, the order continued to prohibit indoor and outdoor public and private gatherings and events; continued to require the continued closure of higher-risk businesses, recreational sites, commercial properties, and activities, where more frequent and prolonged person-to-person

contacts are likely to occur; continued to allow Essential Businesses to operate subject to social distancing requirements; allowed two categories of lower-risk businesses to reopen subject to specified social distancing protocols, retailers not located within an indoor mall or shopping center and manufacturing and logistics sector businesses that supply lower-risk retail businesses; permitted the reopening of beaches, while retaining closures of beach parking lots, beach bike paths, and piers; and authorized local public entities to temporarily close certain streets or areas to automobile traffic to allow for increased space for persons to engage in recreational activity in compliance with social (physical) distancing requirements; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2020, the City of Los Angeles issued a revised version of its safer at home order including requirements that all individuals engaging in outdoor activities, except for water activities, and all individuals engaging in essential activities whenever there is or can be contact with other who are non-household members in both public and private places, must wear a cloth face covering; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Fourteenth Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency extending the effective dates of the Fourth Revised First, Second, Third, Revised Fourth, Revised Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, and Thirteenth supplements to June 30, 2020, or any later date expressly stated within the text of an individual supplement; and requiring all persons leaving their residences for the limited purposes allowed by the County Department of Public Health's Safer at Home Order to strictly comply with the social (physical) distancing requirements stated in that Order or County Department of Public Health guidance or protocols, including in particular the requirement that cloth face masks must be worn whenever there is or may be contact with others who are non-household members, including while engaging in permitted outdoor activities other than water activities; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Fifteenth Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency authorizing enforcement of preferential parking rules to resume in Zone 3 only beginning May 22, 2020 and authorizing street sweeping to resume with individuals encouraged to comply with posted signs regarding parking prohibitions for street sweeping during the days and times indicated, but only during the first full week of each month, which is when the street sweeping will occur; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Sixteenth Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency authorizing specified Boards, Commissions, and other appointed bodies to resume limited meetings, to be conducted remotely pending further order, for the purpose of exercising specified adjudicative and quasi-adjudicative duties assigned to them by the Charter and/or Municipal code and imposing, effective May 26, 2020, a 15% cap on delivery fees and a 5% cap on other fees charged to restaurants by third-party food delivery companies; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued a revised Safer At Home Order for Control of COVID-19 that amended and superseded the earlier March 16, 19, 21, 27, 31, April 10, May 3, 8, and 13, 2020 County Health Officer Orders and Addendums; recognized that existing community transmission of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County continues to present a substantial and significant risk of harm to residents' health; but took a limited and measured step to partially move the County into Stage 2 of its phased approach to reopening while keeping a low incidence of person-to-person contact and

ensuring continued social distancing and adherence to other infection control procedures — accordingly, the order continued to prohibit indoor and outdoor public and private gatherings and events; continued to require the continued closure of higher-risk businesses, recreational sites, commercial properties, and activities, where more frequent and prolonged person-to-person contacts are likely to occur; continued to allow Essential Businesses to operate subject to social distancing requirements; allowed the conditional reopening of specific retail and other Lower-Risk businesses, including curbside, doorside, or other outdoor or outside pickup from retailers located within an indoor mall or shopping center and manufacturing and logistics sector businesses that supply lower-risk retail businesses; permitted the reopening of beaches, beach parking lots, and beach bike paths, while maintaining the closure of public piers; continued to authorize local public entities to temporarily close certain streets or areas to automobile traffic to allow for increased space for persons to engage in recreational activity in compliance with social (physical) distancing requirements; and authorized participation in Vehicle-Based Parades in compliance with all laws and a specified protocol; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, the California Department of Health, while recognizing that COVID-19 is still present in State communities and that physical distance, wearing face coverings in public, and washing hands frequently are more important than ever, announced the statewide opening of in-store retail shopping, under previously issued guidance and subject to approval by county public health departments, and issued guidelines for in-person protests and events designed for political expression; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2020, the City Council ratified the proclamation of local emergency made by the Director of Emergency Services, as well as the Fourth Revised First, Second, Third, Revised Fourth, Revised Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Sixteenth Supplements thereto; resolved that the local emergency shall be deemed to continue and exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council; and resolved that the Fourth Revised First and Second through Sixteenth Supplements shall be operative and remain in effect through June 30, 2020, or any later date expressly stated within the text of an individual supplement; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued a revised Safer At Home Order for Control of COVID-19 that superseded all prior Safer At Home Orders; while recognizing that existing community transmission of COVID-19 in the County continues to present a substantial and significant risk of harm to residents' health, in light of the progress achieved in slowing the spread of COVID-19 in the County, aligned the County with State Executive Orders and State Health Officer Orders that support phased reopening in accordance with the California Pandemic Resilience Roadmap's four stage framework, while maintaining the goals of limiting close contacts with others outside of residents' households in both indoor and outdoor spaces and ensuring continued social distancing and adherence to other infection control procedures – accordingly, the order continued to prohibit indoor and outdoor public and private gatherings and events except for the limited purposes expressly permitted by the Order; continued to require compliance with social (physical) distancing requirements including wearing a cloth face covering whenever there is or can be contact with others who are non-household members in both public and private spaces; continued to require the closure of higher-risk businesses, recreational sites, commercial properties, and activities, where more frequent and prolonged person-to-person contacts are likely to occur; continued to allow Essential Businesses to operate subject to social distancing requirements; allowed the conditional reopening of four categories of Lower-Risk businesses – lower-risk retail businesses that may now reopen for in-store shopping so long as capacity is kept under 50%, manufacturing and logistics sector businesses that supply lower-risk retail businesses, non-essential office-based businesses (while continuing to strongly encourage telework), and indoor malls and shopping

centers; continued to permit the reopening of beaches, beach parking lots, and beach bike paths, while maintaining the closure of public piers; continued to authorize local public entities to temporarily close certain streets or areas to automobile traffic to allow for increased space for persons to engage in recreational activity in compliance with social (physical) distancing requirements; continued to authorize participation in Vehicle-Based Parades in compliance with all laws and a specified protocol; permitted in-person attendance at faith-based services, provided that the gathering of congregants is limited to the lower of 25% of the total maximum building occupancy or a maximum of 100; and permitted participating in in-person protests subject to the same attendance limits and maintenance of physical distancing; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, the State Public Health Officer approved the request of Los Angeles County to reopen restaurants for sit-down, dine-in meals; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued a Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community For Control of COVID-19 – Moving the County of Los Angeles Through Stage 2 of California's Pandemic Resilience Roadmap order that superseded all prior Safer At Home Orders and was essentially equivalent to the May 26 Safer At Home Order with the exceptions that it: added hair salons and barbershops as a fifth category of Lower-Risk businesses allowed to reopen subject to specified conditions; and permitted restaurants and other food facilities that provide sit-down, dine-in meals to reopen subject to specified conditions, including a limitation to 60% occupancy; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Seventeenth Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency superseding and replacing the Third Supplement to specify that closures and re-openings of businesses within Santa Monica shall be in accordance with State and County orders, with those imposing stricter regulations controlling in the event of conflict, and continuing to exempt trucks and other vehicles that deliver grocery items to grocery stores from limitations on delivery hours; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued an Eighteenth Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency authorizing temporary outdoor dining extensions to adjacent sidewalk and/or adjacent parking, courtyard, or other private open space owned by the restaurant, for restaurants that open for in-house dining pursuant to the safety protocols required by the County safer at home order; superseding and replacing Section 5 of the Revised Fourth Supplement and Sections 1 through 3 of the Twelfth Supplement to extend for two years the deadlines for planning, review, and permit-related actions; and superseding and replacing Sections 3 through 6 of the Ninth Supplement to waive and suspend late payment fees, rent payments by City tenants on the Santa Monica pier, and outdoor dining license payments for the months of April, May, and June 2020, and authorize the implementation of a rent deferment program for City commercial tenants whose operations have been closed or significantly restricted by COVID-19 emergency orders; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a First Revised Eighteenth Supplement to the Executive Order of the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency that modified the Eighteenth Supplement by extending the authorization for temporary outdoor dining to adjacent private spaces not owned by a restaurant and sidewalk areas in front of adjacent buildings, both with the consent of the owner; and adding authorizations for the Finance Director to grant extension of the delinquency date for business license renewals by two months from September 1 to November 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued a Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community For Control of COVID-19 – Moving the County of Los Angeles Into Stage 3 of California's Pandemic Resilience Roadmap order that superseded all prior Safer At Home Orders and was largely equivalent to the May 29 Safer At Home Order with exceptions including that it: permitted the reopening of the following additional specific sectors, businesses, and activities subject to specific conditions set forth in protocols attached as appendices to the order – music, film, and television production; day camps; fitness facilities; museums, galleries, botanical gardens, zoos, aquariums, and other similar exhibition spaces; professional sports without audiences; and campgrounds, RV parks, and associated outdoor activities; permitted the opening of swimming pools and splash pads in any setting subject to implementation of a specified protocol; permitted public and private schools to begin planning for the forth-coming school year in compliance with State guidance; and allowed hotels, motels, shared rental units, and similar facilities to reopen for tourism and individual travel, in compliance with conditions set forth in a protocol attached as an appendix to the order; and

WHEREAS, as of June 16, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has confirmed 75,084 cases of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County and has continued to advise that bold and aggressive measures are required to be put in place to prevent the further spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the public health emergency and the precautions recommended by health authorities, many residential and commercial tenants in Santa Monica have experienced sudden and unexpected income loss; and

WHEREAS, individuals exposed to COVID-19 may be temporarily unable to report to work due to illness caused by COVID-19 or quarantines related to COVID-19 and individuals directly affected by COVID-19 may experience potential loss of income, health care and medical coverage, and ability to pay for housing and basic needs, thereby placing increased demands on already strained regional and local health and safety resources, including shelters and food banks; and

WHEREAS, the more expansive reopening of business that has been permitted by the May 29 and June 11 orders issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health should allow certain businesses to resume operations, but continuing economic impacts from COVID-19 and the social distancing measures implemented to address it are anticipated, leaving certain residential and commercial tenants vulnerable to eviction even following the reopening of businesses; and

WHEREAS, commercial tenants and landlords should be encouraged as much as possible to negotiate modifications to rental agreements and payment plans that will allow commercial tenants to remain in leased commercial space while not unnecessarily depriving commercial landlords of rents due for that commercial space; and

WHEREAS, during this local emergency, and in the interest of protecting the public health and preventing transmission of COVID-19, it is essential to avoid unnecessary housing displacement, to protect the City's affordable housing stock, to prevent housed individuals from falling into homelessness, and to prevent loss of local businesses; and

WHEREAS, this local emergency includes an economic crisis that could only worsen the existing housing crisis in the City and in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the City cannot mitigate in the emergency environment the instability and disruption of residential housing that might occur when multi-family buildings are removed from the rental market under the Ellis Act; and

WHEREAS, Ellis Act removals and other no-fault evictions would displace residents from their homes during imposition of COVID-19 related social distancing, quarantine, and home isolation orders that make searching for new housing infeasible and potentially dangerous to one's health and safety; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code 8634 empowers the City to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property during a local emergency, and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary to exercise my authority pursuant to Section 2.16.060 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to issue this regulation related to the protection of life and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lane Dilg, the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Santa Monica, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately, subject to ratification as soon as practicable by the City Council:

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

## **DEFINITIONS**

- 1. For purposes of this Order, the following terms shall be defined as follows:
- a. "Endeavor to evict" includes, but is not limited to: serving a Notice to Pay or Quit, a Notice to Perform Covenant or Quit, a Notice of Termination, or any other eviction notice; filing or pursuing an unlawful detainer action based on such notices; or seeking to terminate a tenancy or evict a tenant through other means.
  - b. "Substantially limited business" means a business that is either:
- i. a restaurant; retail business; hair salon or barbershop; fitness facility; or museum, gallery, or other exhibit space, that closed or substantially limited its operations as required by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Safer at Home Order issued March 29, 2020, together with its supplements and amendments (the "Safer at Home Order"), and whose reopening is subject to substantial limitations as the result of a protocol imposed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health pursuant to its Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19 Moving the County of Los Angeles Into Stage 3 of California's Pandemic Resilience Roadmap order issued June 11, 2020 (the "Reopening Order"); or
- ii. a higher-risk business listed in paragraph 7 of the Reopening Order that closed as required by the Safer at Home Order and remains closed as required by the Reopening Order.
- c. "Commercial tenant" means any tenant of commercial real property, including non-profits. For purposes of this Order there are three classifications of commercial tenants:

- i. "Commercial tenant 1" means a commercial tenant that is not a commercial tenant 2 or commercial tenant 3.
- ii. "Commercial tenant 2" means a commercial tenant that is not a commercial tenant 3; is a tenant in office work space; is not a non-profit; does not collect sales tax on greater than 50% of its revenue; does not provide medical, dental, veterinary, fitness, educational, or child, marriage, family, mental health, or substance abuse counseling services; and does not use the office work space to engage primarily in a substantially limited business.
- iii. "Commercial tenant 3" means any commercial tenant other than a non-profit that is: (A) a publicly traded company; (B) a business that, together with its affiliates, (1) employs more than 100 employees, (2) has average annual gross receipts of more than \$15 million over the previous three years, or (3) has business operations, other than sales conducted solely through online channels, in three or more countries, including the United States; or (C) a business whose payment of rent is guaranteed by a business falling within the scope of subsection (A) or (B) of this subsection. Absent a guarantee from the franchisor falling under subsection (C), an independent franchisee that is not a commercial tenant 3 under subsection (A) or (B) shall not be deemed a commercial tenant 3 simply because the franchisor is a commercial tenant 3 under subsection (A) or (B).
- d. For a residential tenant, "financial impacts related to COVID-19" include, but are not limited to, lost household income or an increase in household expenses as a result of any of the following: (1) being sick with COVID-19, or caring for someone who is sick with COVID-19; (2) layoff, loss of hours, or other income reduction resulting from reduction of hours or closures or any other economic impacts of COVID-19; (3) compliance with a recommendation from a government health authority to stay home, self-quarantine, or avoid congregating with others during the state of emergency; (4) extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses; or (5) child care needs arising from school closures or other circumstances related to COVID-19.
- e. For a commercial tenant, "financial impacts related to COVID-19" include, but are not limited to, substantial lost business income or a substantial increase in business expenses as a result of any of the following: (1) the commercial tenant or its employees being sick with COVID-19, or caring for someone who is sick with COVID-19; (2) reduction in or closure of hours of operation, increase in costs and labor, delays or interruptions, or any other economic impacts of COVID-19; (3) compliance with a recommendation from a government health authority to stay home, self-quarantine, or avoid congregating with others during the state of emergency.

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- 2. A temporary moratorium on eviction for nonpayment of rent by residential tenants impacted by the COVID-19 crisis is imposed as follows:
- a. No landlord shall endeavor to evict a residential tenant for nonpayment of rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19, until twelve months after the expiration of this Order. This section applies to rent that became due between March 14, 2020 and the expiration of this Order.

- b. If a residential tenant is unable to pay rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19, the tenant shall provide notice and documentation to the landlord within 30 days after rent is due. The tenant must provide notice and documentation in writing, which may be email, text, letter, or any other form of written communication. Notice and documentation that indicates any loss of income or increase in expenses due to COVID-19 is sufficient. A statement written by the tenant in a single communication may constitute both notice and documentation.
- c. If a landlord receives notice and documentation that a residential tenant cannot pay rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19, and the landlord nonetheless endeavors to evict the tenant in violation of subsection 2(a) above, then the landlord will be deemed to have taken action to terminate a tenancy based upon a legal theory that is untenable under the facts known to the landlord. If a landlord does so by serving a 3-day notice in bad faith, filing an unlawful detainer complaint in bad faith that terminates in the tenant's favor, or otherwise endeavoring to evict in bad faith, the landlord will be deemed to have violated the City's Tenant Harassment Ordinance, as set forth in Section 4.56.020 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code.
- d. A landlord of a residential tenant may not, during the term of this Order or thereafter, charge to or collect from the residential tenant a late fee or penalty for rent that is delayed for reasons stated in this Order if such rent is paid within twelve months after the expiration of this Order. A landlord of a residential tenant may not, during the term of this Order or thereafter, charge or collect interest that would accrue on such rent during the term of this Order or for twelve months thereafter.
- e. Regardless of any payment plan agreement, a residential tenant will have up to twelve months following the expiration of this Order to pay any rent that was unpaid due to financial impacts related to COVID-19 while this Order was in effect.
- f. A landlord may not recover rent that is delayed for reasons stated in this Order if the landlord has already obtained compensation for the rent through federal or state government relief funds or other programs that provide such compensation.
- 3. A temporary moratorium on eviction for no-fault evictions of residential tenants is imposed as follows:
  - a. No landlord shall endeavor to evict a residential tenant in a no-fault eviction.
- b. No landlord shall remove any residential rental unit from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act, California Government Code Section 7060, *et seq*. For any rental unit that has already been removed from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act, the period of time before such a tenancy is terminated after notice shall not begin until sixty days after the expiration of this Order.
- 4. No landlord shall endeavor to evict a residential tenant based on the presence of unauthorized occupants or their pets, or based on nuisance, unless the nuisance substantially endangers or impairs the health or safety of a tenant or other persons in the vicinity of the premises, or causes or threatens to cause substantial damage to the premises, and the reason is stated in the notice as the grounds for the eviction.
- 5. A temporary moratorium on evictions for a residential tenant's denial of entry by the landlord is imposed as follows:

- a. A landlord shall not endeavor to evict a tenant on the ground that the tenant denied entry by the landlord, unless the tenant unreasonably denied entry for the landlord to remedy a condition that substantially endangers or impairs the health or safety of a tenant or other persons in the vicinity of the premises, or that is causing or threatening to cause substantial damage to the premises.
- b. If a landlord seeks to remedy such a condition, the landlord shall not permit entry by any person who is, or who the landlord has good cause to believe is, a carrier of the COVID-19 virus. The landlord must ensure that appropriate social distancing, cleaning, and sanitation measures are taken to protect from risk of transmitting the COVID-19 virus during the entry. Such measures must account for: the tenant's report that the tenant or a member of the tenant's household has or believes in good faith to have been recently been exposed to the COVID-19 virus; or the tenant's report that the tenant or a member of the tenant's household is at a higher risk for more serious complications from the COVID-19 virus.
- c. A landlord who enters the premises shall promptly leave the premises if the tenant revokes permission to enter because of the landlord's failure to observe appropriate social distancing, cleaning, and sanitization measures.
- d. For purposes of this section, "landlord" includes, but is not limited to, any person authorized by the owner to enter the premises, such as maintenance personnel, a prospective buyer, or a prospective tenant.
  - 6. A landlord must provide residential tenants with the following notices:
- a. A landlord must provide, in accordance with the procedures set forth below, a notice that states: "You might be protected from eviction under certain circumstances, including nonpayment of rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19. If you are unable to pay rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19, you must provide notice and documentation to your landlord in writing within 30 days after rent is due. You may also be protected from eviction for certain other reasons. For additional information, contact the City of Santa Monica's Coronavirus Hotline at (310) 458-8400 or visit santamonica.gov/coronavirus." This notice must be provided to residential tenants in writing by mail or email, or by posting in a conspicuous location in the lobby of the property, near a mailbox used by residents of the property, or in or near a public entrance to the property. The notice must be written in the language that the landlord normally uses for verbal communications with the tenant.
- b. A landlord must include an additional copy of the same notice with any Notice to Pay Rent or Quit, Notice to Perform Covent or Quit, Notice to Terminate, and any other notice given as part of an eviction process, in bold underlined 12-point or larger font.
- c. If a landlord files an unlawful detainer action during the period in which the Judicial Council Emergency Rules prohibit courts from issuing a summons in an unlawful detainer action unless necessary to protect public health and safety, the landlord must serve the tenant with a copy of the complaint within 3 days of filing the complaint.
- d. A landlord who has provided notice as required under Section 6(a) of this Order to a residential tenant under a previous revision of this Order is not required to provide an additional notice to the tenant under Section 6(a) of this Order.
- 7. Any medical or financial information that a residential tenant provides to a landlord to seek protections provided by this Order shall be held in confidence and only used as documentation for processing the tenant's claim under this Order.

- 8. This Order grants residential tenants the following affirmative defenses:
- a. This Order grants an affirmative defense that may be raised at any time in an unlawful detainer action in the event that the action is commenced in violation of this Order.
- b. In addition, this Order grants an affirmative defense that may be raised at any time in an unlawful detainer action or any other civil action in the event that the action is commenced based on nonpayment of rent due to the financial impacts of COVID-19 as described above in this Order, regardless of whether the tenant provided the landlord with notice and documentation. Notice and documentation shall create a rebuttable presumption that a residential tenant is unable to pay rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19.
- c. In addition, this Order grants an affirmative defense that may be raised at any time in an unlawful detainer action in the event that the action is commenced based on a no-fault eviction, or the landlord removed the residential unit from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act, California Government Code Section 7060, *et seq.* during the term of this Order, or the residential rental unit was previously removed from the rental market pursuant to the Ellis Act and the period of time before such a tenancy is terminated after notice began less than sixty days after the expiration of this Order, as described above in this Order.
- d. In addition, this Order grants an affirmative defense that may be raised at any time in an unlawful detainer action in the event that the action is commenced based on a residential tenant's denial of entry by the landlord, as described above in this Order.
- e. In addition, this Order grants an affirmative defense that may be raised at any time in an unlawful detainer action in the event that the action is commenced based on the presence of unauthorized occupants or their pets or a nuisance that does not substantially endanger or impair the health or safety of a tenant or other persons in the vicinity of the premises or cause or threaten to cause substantial damage to the premises, or the action is commenced following an eviction notice that did not state the reason serving as the grounds for the eviction.
- f. In addition, this Order grants an affirmative defense that may be raised at any time in an unlawful detainer action in the event that the action is commenced when the landlord failed to include the required notice language in an eviction notice, as described above in this Order.
- g. Except for Section 8(f) of this Order, the affirmative defenses granted to residential tenants by this Order shall apply to all actions on or after March 14, 2020. An affirmative defense under Section 8(f) of this Order shall apply for actions taken on or after April 24, 2020.
- 9. Any provision in a rental agreement, payment plan, or any other agreement between a landlord and residential tenant that waives or modifies any rights under this Order shall be void as contrary to public policy.
- 10. A residential tenant injured by a landlord's violation of Sections 2 through 8 of this Order has a private right of action against the landlord for violation of California Business and Professions Code Section 17200, et seq., and shall be entitled to attorney's fees and exemplary damages according to proof.

11. A landlord who knows of facts that provide a residential tenant with an affirmative defense to eviction under this Order, and who nonetheless in bad faith endeavors to evict that residential tenant, will be deemed in violation of the City's Tenant Harassment Ordinance, as set forth in Section 4.56.020 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code. The maximum civil penalty for any violation of the Tenant Harassment Ordinance occurring while this Order is in effect is increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

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- 12. A commercial tenant 3 will not receive the protections set out in Section 14 below. Any protections accorded a commercial tenant 3 by the Revised First Supplement, Second Revised First Supplement, Third Revised First Supplement, or Fourth Revised First Supplement (collectively, the "prior orders") shall terminate as of June 30, 2020. Accordingly, as of July 1, 2020, a landlord of a commercial tenant 3 will not be precluded from, in accordance with lease terms and any applicable law, charging and collecting a late fee or penalty for, beginning to accrue and charge and collect interest on, and endeavoring to evict based on any rent that became due from March 18, 2020 to June 30, 2020 and remains unpaid by the commercial tenant 3.
- 13. A commercial tenant 2 will not receive the protections set out in Section 14 below. Any protections accorded a commercial tenant 2 by the prior orders shall extend, in accordance with the terms of the Fourth Revised First Supplement, to and terminate as of July 31, 2020. Accordingly, no landlord shall endeavor to evict a commercial tenant 2 that has provided the required notice and documentation for nonpayment of rent that became due between March 18, 2020 and July 31, 2020 due to financial impacts related to COVID-19 until thirty days after July 31, 2020. As of September 1, 2020, a landlord of a commercial tenant 2 will not be precluded from, in accordance with lease terms and any applicable law, charging and collecting a late fee or penalty for, beginning to accrue and charge and collect interest on, and endeavoring to evict based on any rent that became due from March 18, 2020 to July 31, 2020 and remains unpaid by the commercial tenant 2.
- 14. A temporary moratorium on eviction for nonpayment of rent by a commercial tenant 1 impacted by the COVID-19 crisis is imposed as follows:
- a. No landlord shall endeavor to evict a commercial tenant 1 for nonpayment of rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19 until twelve months after June 30, 2020. This section applies to rent that became due between March 18, 2020 and June 30, 2020 as to which the commercial tenant 1 provided notice and documentation as required by Section 2(b) of the Fourth Revised First Supplement and to rent that becomes due between July 1, 2020 and the expiration of this Order as to which the commercial tenant 1 has provided notice and documentation as required by Section 14(b) of this Order.
- b. If a commercial tenant 1 is unable to pay rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19, the tenant shall provide notice and documentation to the landlord within 30 days after rent is due. The tenant must provide notice and documentation in writing, which may be an email, text, letter, or any other form of written communication. If the tenant fails to timely provide the required notice and documentation, the tenant shall not be entitled to the protections provided by this Order. The required notice and documentation shall be as follows:

- i. For a commercial tenant 1 whose primary business in the location for which rent is at issue is a substantially limited business, notice and documentation that indicates any loss of income or increase in expenses due to COVID-19 is sufficient and a statement written by the tenant in a single communication may constitute both notice and documentation. If the tenant has received compensation for financial impacts related to COVID-19 through business interruption insurance or federal or state government relief funds or other programs that provide such compensation, the notice and documentation must state the compensation received and explain why it does not enable the tenant to pay rent.
- ii. For any other commercial tenant 1, notice asserting that the tenant has suffered financial impacts related to COVID-19 that have resulted in a substantial loss of income or substantial increase in expenses that has materially negatively affected its ability to pay rent together with supporting documentation sufficient to demonstrate that the loss of income or increase in expenses: (A) is related to COVID-19; and (B) has a material negative effect on the tenant's ability to pay rent, which documentation may include, but is not limited to, a profit and loss statement, a letter from an accountant, or a written explanation setting out an objectively verifiable explanation of the financial impacts the tenant is experiencing. If the tenant has received compensation for financial impacts related to COVID-19 through business interruption insurance or federal or state government relief funds or other programs that provide such compensation, the notice and documentation must state the compensation received, which shall be considered when determining whether the tenant has experienced a substantial loss of income or substantial increase in expenses that has materially negatively affected its ability to pay rent.
- c. A landlord of a commercial tenant 1 may not, during the term of this Order or thereafter, charge or collect a late fee or penalty for rent that is delayed for reasons stated in this Order if such rent is paid within twelve months after June 30, 2020. A landlord of a commercial tenant 1 may not, during the term of this Order, or thereafter, charge or collect interest that would accrue on such rent during the term of this Order or for three months thereafter.
- d. A landlord may not recover rent that is delayed for reasons stated in this Order if the landlord has already obtained compensation for the rent through federal or state government relief funds or other programs that provide such compensation.
- 15. A landlord must provide each commercial tenant 1 and, until August 31, 2020, each commercial tenant 2 with the following notices:
- a. A landlord must provide, in accordance with the procedures set forth below, a notice that states: "You might be protected from eviction under certain circumstances, including nonpayment of rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19. If you are unable to pay rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19, you must provide notice and documentation to your landlord in writing within 30 days after rent is due. For additional information, contact the City of Santa Monica's Coronavirus Hotline at (310) 458-8400 or visit santamonica.gov/coronavirus." This notice must be provided to tenants in writing by mail or email, or by posting in a conspicuous location in the lobby of the property, near a mailbox used by tenants of the property, or in or near a public entrance to the property. The notice must be written in the language that the landlord normally uses for verbal communications with the tenant.
- b. A landlord must include an additional copy of the same notice with any Notice to Pay Rent or Quit, Notice to Perform Covent or Quit, Notice to Terminate, and any other notice given as part of an eviction process, in bold underlined 12-point or larger font.

- c. If a landlord files an unlawful detainer action during the period in which the Judicial Council Emergency Rules prohibit courts from issuing a summons in an unlawful detainer action unless necessary to protect public health and safety, the landlord must serve the tenant with a copy of the complaint within 3 days of filing the complaint.
- d. A landlord who has provided notice as required under Section 15(a) of this Order to a commercial tenant under a previous revision of this Order is not required to provide an additional notice to the tenant under Section 15(a) of this Order.
- 16. Any medical or financial information that a commercial tenant provides to a landlord to seek protections provided by this Order shall be held in confidence and only used as documentation for processing the tenant's claim under this Order.
- 17. This Order grants a commercial tenant 1, a commercial tenant 2 through August 31, 2020, and a commercial tenant 3 through June 30, 2020, the following affirmative defenses:
- a. This Order grants an affirmative defense that may be raised at any time in an unlawful detainer action in the event that the action is commenced based on nonpayment of rent due to the financial impacts of COVID-19 as described above in this Order after the tenant has provided the landlord with the required notice and documentation. Such notice and documentation shall create a rebuttable presumption that a tenant is unable to pay rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19.
- b. In addition, this Order grants an affirmative defense that may be raised at any time in an unlawful detainer action in the event that the action is commenced when the landlord failed to include the required notice language in an eviction notice, as described above in Section 15(b) of this Order.
- c. The affirmative defense granted by Section 17(a) of this Order shall apply to all actions on or after March 18, 2020. The affirmative defense granted by Section 17(b) of this Order shall apply for actions taken on or after April 24, 2020.
- 18. Nothing set forth in this order is intended to preclude a landlord of a commercial tenant from pursuing that commercial tenant for unpaid rent in a civil action other than an unlawful detainer action in which the landlord does not seek to regain possession of the premises.
- 19. Landlords and commercial tenants are encouraged to negotiate modifications to rental agreements and payment plans to accommodate changed economic circumstances of commercial landlords and tenants arising from the financial impacts of COVID-19. So long as the landlord has provided the notice required by Section 15 above and has not acted in violation of Section 20 below, this Order shall not preclude such a modification to a rental agreement or payment plan between a landlord and commercial tenant that waives or modifies any rights under this Order.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 20. A landlord may not deceive a tenant in connection with the rights and obligations under this Order. For purposes of this section, "deceive" includes intentional misrepresentation, negligent misrepresentation, concealment of a material fact, or false promise.
- 21. A landlord who serves an eviction notice in bad faith and without reasonable grounds, or files or pursues an eviction action in bad faith and without reasonable grounds that terminates in the tenant's favor, or otherwise seeks to wrongfully terminate a tenancy or evict a tenant shall be liable under this Order.

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- 22. A landlord who serves an eviction notice before receiving any notice from a tenant asserting that the tenant is entitled to the protections set forth in this Order shall not be deemed to have acted in bad faith if the landlord withdraws such eviction notice promptly after being informed by the tenant that the tenant is entitled to the protections of this Order.
- 23. This Order shall be enforceable by the Santa Monica Police Department and any City Officer or employee granted authority to issue written notices to appear pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 3.36.090 as a misdemeanor pursuant to Government Code Section 8665 and Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 2.16.100, or through the issuance of administrative citations in accordance with Chapter 1.09 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code. Pursuant to Section 1.09.040 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code, the amount of the fine for each violation of any provision of this Order shall be up to a maximum of \$1,000. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 1.09.040(c), a later payment charge of 10% of the applicable fine shall be imposed for the payment of an administrative fine imposed pursuant to this Order after its due date.
- 24. The Fourth Revised First Supplement is hereby retracted. This Fifth Revised First Supplement expressly supersedes and replaces the Fourth Revised First Supplement and shall apply retroactively to actions taken with respect to residential tenants beginning March 14, 2020 and to actions taken with respect to commercial tenants beginning March 18, 2020.
- 25. Except as otherwise provided, this Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until July 31, 2020, unless extended or expressly superseded by a duly enacted Resolution or Ordinance of the City Council or by a further Order by the Director of Emergency Services.

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26. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Order is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Order. The Interim City Manager hereby declares that she would have issued this Executive Order, and any Supplement or Revised Supplement to this Executive Order, and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of the ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

ADOPTED this 17th day of June 2020.

By:

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LANE DILG

Interim City Manager Director of Emergency Services

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DENISE ANDERSON-WARREN

City Clerk

GEORGE S. CARDONA

Interim City Attorney