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**FIFTEENTH 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 the novel coronavirus (“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; temporarily prohibited restaurants, bars, and retail food facilities from serving food on-premises; and strongly urged houses of worship to limit large gatherings on their premises and to observe social distancing practices in their services; 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 COVID-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 from 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 made 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, May 3, and May 9, 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; and permitted the reopening of beaches for limited recreational activities, while retaining closures of beach parking lots, beach bike paths, and piers; 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, as of May 15, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has confirmed 35,329 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, the May 13, 2020 reopening of the beaches for limited recreational activities is anticipated to result in an increase in traffic in and around the beaches, putting increased pressure on the availability of daytime parking for local residents who are required to remain in their residences for the majority of the time by stay at home orders; 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:

1. Section 8 of the Revised Fourth Supplement issued March 17, 2020 pertaining to preferential parking rules is superseded and replaced by this Order. With respect to preferential parking:


- a. effective as of 12:01 a.m. on May 22, 2020, preferential parking rules in all blocks within Zone 3 will be enforced; and
- b. preferential parking rules in all zones other than Zone 3 remain suspended.

2. Section 7 of the Revised Fourth Supplement issued March 17, 2020 pertaining to street sweeping is superseded and replaced by this Order. Street sweeping may resume. Individuals are encouraged to comply with signs prohibiting parking to permit street sweeping during the days and times posted, but only during the first full week of each month. Parking citations associated with street sweeping remain suspended.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until June 30, 2020, unless extended or expressly superseded by a duly enacted Ordinance of the City Council or by a further Order by the Director of Emergency Services.

4. 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 15th day of May 2020.

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Interim City Manager
Director of Emergency Services

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