

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE DECLARATION ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES SUSPENDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN LAND USE PERMITS AND APPROVALS AND ZONING AND ENCROACHMENT REQUIREMENTS IN THE SAN JOSE MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the City Council of the City of San José (“City”) ratified the Director of Emergency Service’s Proclamation of Local Emergency due to the outbreak of a novel coronavirus in the City; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8634 and Section 8.08.250 of Chapter 8.08 of Title 8 of the San José Municipal Code empower the Director of Emergency Services (City Manager or Designee) to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.08.250 of the San José Municipal Code requires such rules and regulations made and issued by the Director of Emergency Services to be confirmed by the City Council at the earliest practicable time; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the Health Officer of the County of Santa Clara (“County Health Officer”) issued an Order directing all individuals to continue to shelter in place and requiring essential businesses to implement a Social Distancing Protocol; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2020, the County Health Officer issued a further Order continuing the Social Distance Protocol but allowing retailers to open with

curbside/outdoor pick up, supply chains for retail establishments to reopen and certain outdoor activities to resume; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, the County Health Officer issued a further Order effective June 5, 2020 continuing the Social Distance Protocol but allowing certain additional businesses to resume operations, including outdoor dining at restaurants, in-store shopping at retail and shopping centers and limited services that do not require customer contact, subject to limitations; and

WHEREAS, provisions in land use permits and planning approvals issued by the City and/or provisions in the San José Zoning Code prohibit the use of adjacent outdoor private property for the purposes of conducting business activities without the City's authorization; and

WHEREAS, Title 13 of the San José Municipal Code prohibits encroachments into the public right-of-way or other public property without first obtaining an encroachment permit from the City through specified application processes; and

WHEREAS, to ensure compliance with the Social Distancing Protocol, businesses need additional outdoor areas to serve customers and allow customers to queue while waiting to enter the business premises; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Declaration suspending enforcement of certain provisions in land use permits and approvals and zoning and encroachment requirements in the San José Municipal Code in order to allow many businesses without existing permits for outdoor operations or seating to expand their operations outside in privately-owned outdoor areas, such as parking lots, and use public sidewalks for temporary seating in order to facilitate compliance with the Social Distancing Protocol; and

WHEREAS, the associated emergency conditions are on-going and the Declaration should not be terminated at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

1. The Declaration of the Director of Emergency Services issued June 4, 2020 suspending enforcement of certain provisions in land use permits and approvals and zoning and encroachment requirements in the San José Municipal Code, subject to the conditions and limitations contained in Exhibit A and Exhibit B thereto, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

2. The Declaration shall remain in effect through December 31, 2020, until terminated or modified by the City Council or upon the termination of the Proclamation of Local Emergency, whichever occurs first.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk