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**Forty-First Supplement to Public Order Under  
City of Culver City Emergency Authority**

**Issue Date: March 29, 2022**

**Subject: (1) Further Extension of Temporary Use Permits Issued During the COVID-19 Pandemic to Expand Outdoor Dining and Other Uses on City Sidewalks and on Certain City Roadways to August 31, 2022; (2) Further Extension of Existing Temporary Use Permits Issued During the COVID-19 Pandemic to Expand Outdoor Dining on Private Property to August 31, 2022; and (3) Extension of Waiver of Outdoor Dining License Fees and Valet Parking License Fees to August 31, 2022.**

***Background of Local Emergency and Authority Granted for the Issuance of Temporary Use Permits and Fee Waivers to Assist Businesses During the Pandemic.***

On March 14, 2020, due to the outbreak and spread of the Coronavirus Respiratory Disease (COVID-19), the City Manager, as Director of Emergency Services, issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency, which was ratified by the City Council on March 18, 2020 by Resolution No. 2020-R015. Beginning on March 16, 2020, the City Manager issued a number of public orders, that included at various times business closures, restrictions on non-essential activities, advising residents they should remain at home, mask and distancing requirements when around persons not in one's immediate family, capacity requirements for businesses, as well as requiring that persons refrain from social gatherings, and, at times, closing of indoor portions of non-essential businesses, all consistent with various Executive orders that were issued by the State of California and Health Officer Orders issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, as well as a number of neighboring communities.

The First Supplement to Public Order, issued on March 20, 2020, waived outdoor dining fees and valet permit fees for a short period of time; the waiver was periodically extended through subsequent orders. The 16th Supplement to Public Order, issued June 1, 2020, permitted restaurants to expand dining operations outdoors into the public right-of-way, or expand existing outdoor dining facilities further into the public right-of-way (i.e., public sidewalks and streets), all subject to the approval of the Public Works Director/City Engineer through the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit (TUP).

The 17<sup>th</sup> Supplement to Public Order, issued June 10, 2020, relaxed certain Zoning Code requirements and permitted restaurants to expand dining operations outdoors on private property, subject to the approval of the Community Development Director and in

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accordance with the TUP process outlined in Zoning Code Chapter 17.520. On April 21, 2021, the 36<sup>th</sup> Supplement to Public Order expanded to the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Supplements to allow bars to apply for TUPs to operate outdoors in the public right of way and on private property.

On May 24, 2021, at the regular City Council public meeting, the City Council extended TUPs for the use of the public right-of-way for expanded outdoor dining and other uses, through Labor Day (September 6, 2021). The City Council also extended the waiver of outdoor dining license fees and valet parking permit fees, both of which were expiring June 30, 2021, through that same date.

On July 15, 2021 the City Manager issued the 37<sup>th</sup> Supplement to Public Order, extending the TUPs issued by the Public Works Director for the expansion of outdoor dining and other uses on City sidewalks only, through December 31, 2021. The waiver of outdoor dining license fees and valet parking license fees were extended through that same date. These actions were taken to support business use of outdoor spaces, due to the rapid increase in positive COVID-19 cases following the June 15, 2021 “reopening” of the California economy, and the recognition that the public was becoming increasingly reluctant to dine, shop and conduct business indoors. Shortly thereafter, TUPs for roadway use were extended administratively until October 31, 2021; the date was selected primarily in response to the MOVE Culver City project construction which began in November 2021 and has since been completed.

On December 7, 2021, the City Manager issued the 39<sup>th</sup> Supplement to Public Order, extending to April 30, 2022 the TUPs issued by the Public Works Director for City sidewalks and for certain areas of the City where roadway TUPs had been issued were not affected by the MOVE Culver City construction, including those in the form of parklets, and areas protected from traffic by City-installed barriers including Main Street, the portion of Culver next to K-ZO Restaurant, the portion of Irving Place next to Rush Street, sections of Washington Boulevard between Hargis Street and Melvil Street and the closed section of Melvil between Washington Boulevard and the alley north of Washington Boulevard.

While the COVID-19 case rates and transmission rates have continued to decline since the severe Omicron surge in December and January, daily information published by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health illustrates the continued community transmission of COVID-19, as well as continued hospitalizations and deaths. Additionally, the emergence of a new subvariant of the Omicron mutation, called B.A.2, is rising in Europe and on the U.S. east coast, and has already been detected in California and Los Angeles County and is increasingly become more prevalent. There are concerns that persons over age 65 who were vaccinated or boosted earlier in the pandemic may be vulnerable, and both Pfizer and Moderna have asked the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to approve another booster shot for older adults.

Due to the continuing community transmission of COVID-19 in the country, the state, and the County of Los Angeles, the ongoing concerns about the COVID-19 variants, as well

as to aid in the economic recovery of the City's businesses, it is a reasonable and prudent measure to assist the City's businesses to continue to operate outdoors to protect the public health and safety during the ongoing and ever-changing pandemic.

***Public Order***

By virtue of authority vested in me as the Director of Emergency Services, pursuant to the provisions of CCMC Section 3.09.020.B.1.h(2), to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of persons, property, and the environment as affected by such emergency, I hereby order:

1. TUPs issued by the Public Works Director for the expansion of outdoor dining and other uses on City sidewalks, as set forth in the 16<sup>th</sup> Supplement and extended pursuant to the 37<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> Supplements, are further extended through August 31, 2022.
2. TUPs issued by the Public Works Director for expansion of outdoor dining and other uses in City roadways, in the form of parklets, and in areas protected from traffic by City-installed barriers that were unaffected by the MOVE Culver City construction project, including Main Street, the portion of Culver next to the K-ZO Restaurant, a portion of Irving Place next to Rush Street, and sections of Washington Boulevard between Hargis Street and Melvil Street, are further extended through August 31, 2022, subject to the City's right to terminate or modify the TUPs prior that date, with thirty days written notice to the affected TUP holder.
3. TUPS issued by the Community Development Director for expansion of outdoor dining or for outdoor operations of bars, as set forth in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> Supplements to Public Order, to the extent the expanded outdoor operations are still in existence, and are eligible for or having pending extension determinations, are further extended per the conditions previously approved, through August 31, 2022, subject to the City's right to terminate or modify the TUPs prior that date, with thirty days written notice to the affected TUP holder.
4. The waiver of outdoor dining license fees and valet parking license fees is further extended through August 31, 2022.
5. The City of Culver City will continue to align with the County of Los Angeles Health Officer Orders, including the most recent March 3, 2022 Public Order, and will automatically align with any new or subsequent County of Los Angeles Public Health Order or Directive, except where City Orders are issued with Culver City specific restrictions or requirements.
6. Additional social distancing, infection control, and health and safety measures and guidelines may be imposed at any time, in my sole discretion, in order to ensure the protection of the public's health and safety, and the intent of each and every Public Order is carried out.

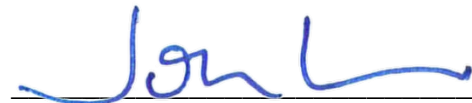
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Any violation of this Forty-First Supplement to Public Order may be enforced under the Culver City Municipal Code, which provides for fines not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed six months. Each individual officer and City official should use their discretion in enforcing this order and always keep the intent of the order in mind. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, this Forty-First Supplement to Public Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until superseded, amended, modified, rescinded, or expired by its terms.

Date: March 28, 2022



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Director of Emergency Services  
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