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**Twenty-Eighth Supplement to Public Order Under
City of Culver City Emergency Authority**

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Subject: Gatherings

This Twenty-Eighth Supplement to Public Order amends the prohibition on gatherings to allow for private gatherings of persons from no more than three households, provided such gatherings are conducted in accordance with this Public Order and applicable Los Angeles County Department of Public Health protocols.

On March 14, 2020, the City Manager, as Director of Emergency Services, issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency, due to the outbreak and spread of the Coronavirus Respiratory Disease (COVID-19), which was ratified by the City Council on March 18, 2020 by Resolution No. 2020-R015. Such action followed the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's and the Chair of the Board of Supervisor's declarations of a local health emergency and the State of California's declaration of a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020, and the President's declaration of a National Emergency on March 13, 2020.

Beginning on March 16, 2020, the City Manager issued a number of public orders closing many businesses and significantly restricting the operations of others, consistent with various supplemental orders that were issued by the State of California and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, as well as a number of neighboring communities.

In the early part of May 2020, the County of Los Angeles announced its Roadmap to Recovery, A Phased Approach to Reopening Safely, which allowed certain businesses and activities to slowly reopen and resume, subject to strict public health protocols. Although this phased reopening allowed some businesses to open and some activities to resume, many other businesses remained closed and activities were not permitted.

In late June and early July, 2020, due to increases in the daily reported COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and the testing positivity rates, the Los Angeles County Public Health Officer issued revised orders, in alignment with the California Governor's announcements, requiring the closure of specific activities and business sectors, superseding previous orders (which had allowed many businesses to reopen), to address the serious regression of COVID-19 indicators within Los Angeles County. Such closures of certain higher risk businesses, recreational sites, commercial properties, and activities,

where more frequent and prolonged person-to-person contacts are likely to occur, superseded any previous openings permitted in Culver City.

In early October 2020, the County of Los Angeles Public Health Officer revised its Order and protocols to phase in various limited reopenings and recreational activities.

On October 14, 2020, the County of Los Angeles Public Health Officer revised its Order to allow private gatherings of persons from no more than three households, subject to public health protocols. To align with the County Public Health Officer's guidance regarding gatherings, and to support the safe participation in recreational activities within the City, 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. *Private Gatherings of Persons from no More than Three Households Shall be Permitted.* Effective immediately, private gatherings of persons from no more than three households shall be permitted, but only in compliance with the Requirements set forth in Section 3 of this Public Order and applicable Los Angeles County Department of Public Health protocols.

2. *Definitions.*

a. A "household" shall not include institutional group living situations such as dormitories, fraternities, sororities, monasteries, convents, or residential care facilities, nor does it include such commercial group living arrangements such as boarding houses, hotels, or motels.

b. A "private gathering" is a social situation that brings people together from different households at the same time in a single space or place.

3. *Requirements.* When people from different households mix, the risk of COVID-19 transmission increases. Private gatherings of people who are not part of a single household or living unit must comply with the following requirements:

a. Attendance. (1) **Private gatherings that include more than three households are prohibited.** This includes everyone present, including hosts and guests. The smaller the number of people, the lower the risk of transmission and spread of COVID-19. (2) Households that choose to privately gather or interact together should keep the households with which they gather together constant or stable over time. Participating in multiple gatherings with different households and communities poses a higher risk of transmission and spread of COVID-19, if one or more

attendees is/are discovered to be infected with the virus. (3) Persons from households who do choose to privately gather together should discuss and agree upon the specific group rules for reducing the risk of exposure among the attendees at the private gathering before convening together. (4) The host household of the private gathering should collect names of all attendees and contact information in case contact tracing is needed later.

b. Outdoors only. (1) **All private gatherings must be held outside.** Private gatherings are permitted in a public park or other outdoor space. Unlike indoor spaces, wind and air in outdoor spaces can help reduce the risk of spread of the virus from one person to another. Attendees may go inside to use restrooms as long as the restrooms are frequently sanitized. (2) Private gatherings may occur in outdoor spaces that are covered by umbrellas, canopies, awnings, roofs, and other shade structures provided that at least three sides of the space (or 75%) are open to the outdoors. (3) Multiple private gatherings of three households may not be jointly organized or coordinated to occur in the same public park or other outdoor space at the same time, as this would constitute a private gathering exceeding the permitted size. (4) Mixing between unrelated private gatherings in the same public space or other outdoor space at the same time is not allowed.

c. Duration. Private gatherings should be limited to two hours or less in duration. The longer the duration of a gathering, the risk of transmission and spread of COVID-19 increases.

d. Physical distancing and hand hygiene. (1) All attendees must follow the Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol requirements of Paragraph 19 of the County Public Health Officer Order. (2) The outdoor space must be large enough so that everyone at the private gathering can maintain at least a six-foot physical distance from others (not including their own household) at all times. (3) A place to wash hands or hand sanitizer must be available for participants to use. (4) Shared items may not be used during a private gathering. As much as possible, any food or beverages at outdoor gatherings must be in single-serve disposable containers. If providing single-serve containers is not possible, food and beverages must be served by an attendee who washes or sanitizes their hands frequently and wears a face covering over their nose and mouth. Self-serve items from communal containers may not be used.

e. Singing, Chanting, and Shouting at Outdoor Gatherings. Singing, chanting, shouting and physical exertion significantly increases the risk of COVID-19 transmission because these activities increase the release of respiratory droplets into the air. Because of this, singing, chanting, and shouting are strongly discouraged. (1) If singing and chanting do occur, and to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets, all attendees

who are singing or chanting must wear a face covering at all times while singing or chanting, including anyone who is leading a song or chant; and must maintain at least six feet of physical distance from others. (2) Instrumental music is allowed as long as the musicians maintain at least six-foot physical distancing. All musicians must be from the same household. Playing of wind instruments (any instrument played by the mouth, such as a trumpet or clarinet) is strongly discouraged.

f. Vulnerable Populations. Persons who are age 65 or older and persons who have active or unstable pre-existing health conditions should avoid any gatherings.

g. Reporting. Anyone who develops COVID-19 within 48 hours after attending a private gathering must notify the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health at (888) 397-3993 or (213) 240-7821, and should notify all other attendees who were at the private gathering as soon as possible regarding the potential exposure.

4. This Twenty-Eighth Supplement to Public Order supersedes any provision in a previous Order where there is a conflict between the Orders; otherwise all Stay at Home orders remain in place. Except as specifically provided in this Public Order, or existing County reopening protocols, all other public and private gatherings continue to be prohibited.

5. 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.

Any violation of this Twenty-Eighth 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 should use their discretion in enforcing this order and always keep the intent of the order in mind.

This Twenty-Eighth Supplement to Public Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until superseded, amended, modified, or rescinded.

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