Thirty-Fifth Supplement to Public Order Under
City of Culver City Emergency Authority

Issue Date: March 25, 2021

Subject: (1) City of Culver City Continued Alignment with the Los Angeles County Public Health Order: Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community - Blueprint for a Safer Economy; (2) Further Extension of Waiver of Outdoor Dining License Fees and Valet Parking License Fees to June 30, 2021; and (3) Extension of the Limit on Third Party Food Delivery Service Fees to the End of the Local Emergency.

This Thirty-Fifth Supplement to Public Order continues to align the City of Culver City (City) with the County of Los Angeles Public Health Officer Order, most recently updated and issued on March 19, 2021 (County March 19 Order), which outlines the Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Red Tier Risk Reduction Measures. After a post-holiday surge and restrictions in place under the previous Purple Tier, those measures, along with the increase in vaccinations in the County, have produced a steady decline of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, testing positivity rates and deaths.

This Public Order also extends the waiver of outdoor dining license fees and valet parking license fees, to June 30, 2021, and extends the limitations established on October 30, 2020 pertaining to Third Party Food Delivery Service Fees to the end of the Local Emergency.

Background on State, County and City Public Orders

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. 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 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.

The State of California issued a Limited Stay at Home Order (“Stay at Home Order”) on November 19, 2020 for all counties under Tier One of California’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy, including Los Angeles County, and strengthened that Order with December 3, 2020 and December 6, 2020 Regional Stay at Home Orders. To align with State Orders and Directives issued throughout December 2020, the County of Los Angeles issued additional Temporary Tier 1 Substantial Surge Response Orders through December 30, 2020, to address the lack of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds in the Southern California Region, and the alarming surge in COVID-19 positive cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.

On January 25, 2021, Governor Newsome announced that the State of California was lifting the Regional Stay at Home Order. In turn, the County of Los Angeles lifted its Temporary Surge Response Orders and returned to its November 25, 2020 Blueprint for a Safer Economy-Tier 1 Surge Response Order, with modifications, and issued the County January 25 Order. Since January 25th, the County has revised its Public Order based on the declining COVID-19 indicators, and the placement of the County in the State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy framework. The County of Los Angeles is in the Red Tier, which is less restrictive than the previous Purple Tier.

**Blueprint for a Safer Economy-Red Tier-March 19, 2021**

To align with the County of Los Angeles Public Health Officer’s March 19 Order, and to support the safe reopening of businesses and 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. **The City of Culver City will continue to align with the County of Los Angeles Health Officer Orders, effective immediately, and will automatically align with any subsequent County of Los Angeles Public Health Order or Directive, unless a new City Order is issued with Culver City specific restrictions or requirements.** Current Public Orders specific to Culver City, including all unexpired Orders pertaining to the City’s eviction moratoria, the temporary waiver of outdoor dining and valet parking fees and the temporary limitations on third-party food delivery services fees, which are each addressed further hereinbelow, signage and sandwich board provisions, and temporary use
permits for outdoor operations of businesses and outdoor recreational activities, shall remain in effect, unless otherwise stated in this or a future Public Order.

2. **Continued Waiver of Outdoor Dining and Valet Parking License Fees.** As set forth in the March 20, April 11, May 14, May 27, August 21, October 2, and November 23, 2020 Supplements to Public Orders, outdoor dining license fees and valet parking license fees will continue to be waived through June 30, 2021.

3. **Third Party Food Delivery Service Fees.** The limitations established on October 30, 2020 pertaining to Third Party Food Delivery Service Fees in the City and extended on January 26, 2021, are hereby extended to the end of the Local Emergency, or until modified or rescinded in a future Public Order. All provisions of the October 30, 2020 Order pertaining to Third Party Food Delivery Service Fees remain in effect.

4. **Face coverings continue to be required at all times while out in public, covering the nose and mouth when in or likely to be in contact with others who do not live in their household.**

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.

6. This Thirty-Fifth Supplement to Public Order supersedes any provision in a previous Public Order where there is a conflict between the Public 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.

Any violation of this Thirty-Fifth 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 Thirty-Fifth Supplement to Public Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until superseded, amended, modified, rescinded, or expired by its terms.

Date: 03/25/2021

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Director of Emergency Services
City of Culver City