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

Issue Date: September 22, 2022

Subject: Rescission of the Requirement under the Fortieth Supplement to

Public Order of a Well-Fitted Mask for Members and for the Public to Attend In-Person City Council Meetings and all In-Person City Commission, Board and Committee Meetings, to Allow for Individual

Preference on Indoor Masking.

Background of Local Emergency and Purpose of This Order.

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 in regard to restrictions and limitations on business operations, recreational activities, social gatherings and other public health safety measures.

The Fortieth Supplement to Public Order was issued March 16, 2022 after the City Council directed the City Manager at the March 14, 2022 City Council meeting to discontinue the City's vaccination requirements that were previously instituted under the Thirty-Eighth Supplement to Public Order. In addition, the City Council determined that it would resume in-person City Council meetings beginning at its April 11, 2022 regular meeting, and that all City Commissions, Boards and Committees would resume in person meetings in April. In an abundance of caution, due to the indoor setting, indoor ventilation issues, and to protect persons who are most vulnerable to serious illness from COVID-19, including those who are immunocompromised or unable to be vaccinated, the City Council voted to require all persons who attend the in-person City Council, Commission, Board and Committee meetings to wear a well-fitted mask while indoors.

Recently Los Angeles County has moved from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Medium Community level of transmission to Low Transmission, based on a number of CDC indicators. Accordingly, with the weekly new COVID infection case rate in Los Angeles County at less than 100 per 100,000 persons, and the new COVID hospital admissions dropping into the Low level, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health (LACDPH) revised its indoor mask guidance from "strongly recommended unless required by the site" to "individual preference, unless required by the site," effective

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September 23, 2022. According to LACDPH, when there is circulation of an emerging COVID-19 variant of concern that shows potential evidence of vaccine avoidance, the recommendations will be modified.

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. The provisions of the Fortieth Supplement to Public Order requiring a well-fitted mask for all persons present at indoor in-person City Council meetings, and all indoor in-person City Commission, Board and Committee meetings, are hereby terminated. In alignment with the LACDPH, it is an individual preference to wear a mask while attending an indoor City meeting.
- 2. The City of Culver City will continue to align with the County of Los Angeles Health Officer Orders, including the most recent order effective September 23, 2022, and will automatically align with any new or subsequent County of Los Angeles Public Health Order or Directive, unless a new City Order is issued with Culver City specific restrictions or requirements.
- **3.** 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.

This Forty-Fourth Supplement to Public Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until superseded, amended, modified, rescinded, or expired by its terms.

Date: September 22, 2022

John M. Nachbar, City Manager Director of Emergency Services

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