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Fortieth Supplement to Public Order Under City of Culver City Emergency Authority

Issue Date: March 16, 2022

Subject:

(1) Rescission of Requirements under Thirty Eighth Supplement for Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination to Enter Certain Indoor Businesses and Indoor City Facilities; (2) Requirement 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.

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 Thirty-Eighth Supplement to Public Order, issued October 26, 2021 and amended November 8, 2021, required proof of full COVID-19 vaccination to enter certain indoor public locations, events, and City facilities. This measure was required due to the continued high transmission of COVID-19 in the community, and the City's interest in increasing vaccination rates which, in turn, helped stem the spread of COVID-19 and protects the City's residents, employees, and visitors.

In February 2022, after the winter surge of COVID-19 cases, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) discontinued the pre-entry vaccination requirements for patrons and employees of certain businesses as previously required and removed the County's universal mask requirement except for enumerated high risk settings.

On March 14, 2022, at a regular public meeting, the City Council directed the City Manager 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

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meetings to wear a well-fitted mask while indoors. This requirement offers an alternative approach to more stringent measures. The City seeks to promote the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and visitors, and to protect its employees.

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 Thirty-Eighth Supplement to Public Order are hereby terminated. Proof of vaccination verification is no longer required in Culver City businesses or City facilities; however, business establishments and venues open to the public may at their discretion choose to require vaccination verification prior to entry.
- **2.** A will fitted mask is required for all persons present at indoor in-person City Council meetings, and all indoor in-person City Commission, Board and Committee meetings.
- 3. Except as provided herein, 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, unless a new City Order is issued with Culver City specific restrictions or requirements.
- **4.** 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 Fortieth 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.

This Fortieth 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 15, 2022

John M. Nachbar, City Manager Director of Emergency Services

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