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

Issue Date: August 21, 2020

Subject:

(1) Safe Outdoor Operation of Youth Sports Programs; (2) Use of Designated Outdoor City Park Space for In-person Faith Based Services and Therapeutic Small Group Meetings; and (3) Continued Waiver of Outdoor Dining and Valet Parking License Fees.

This Twenty-Fourth Supplement to Public Order addresses several distinct issues: (1) the safe outdoor operation of Youth Sports Programs; (2) the use of designated outdoor City park space by in-person faith based services and therapeutic small groups meetings (behavioral health or substance use disorder support), subject to certain conditions and a City permit; and (3) the continued waiver of outdoor dining and valet parking license fees.

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, including the City of Los Angeles.

Beginning 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

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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.

To support the safe operations and recovery of our business sectors and outdoor activities within the City during COVID-19, and consistent with the State Orders and guidance as well as County Orders and protocols, 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. Safe Outdoor Operation of Youth Sports Programs. Youth sports programs, which includes youth sports leagues, club sports, travel sports, and sports sponsored by private and public-school serving students in TK-12 schools, may resume outdoor activities only, until further notice. Any youth sports program operating outdoors shall comply with all State of California Public Health Orders and Guidance, local laws, rules and regulations, and the most recent version of the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Youth Sports Leagues posted at <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/</a>.
- 2. Use of Outdoor Park Space for Therapeutic Small Group Meetings and In-person Faith Based Services.
  - A. In-person behavioral health or substance use disorder support groups (such as Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous) may be held in designated outdoor park spaces, subject to a permit from the City's Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Department, with 10 people or fewer in attendance, with physical distancing. All behavioral health or substance use disorder support groups shall comply with all State of California Public Health Orders and Guidance, local laws, rules and regulations, and the most recent version of the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Substance use Disorder and Mental Health Support Groups, posted at http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/.
  - B. Faith based organizations may apply for a permit from the City's PRCS Department to hold outdoor faith-based services in designated outdoor park spaces. Any outdoor faith based services shall comply with all

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State of California Public Health Orders and Guidance, local laws, rules and regulations, and the most recent version of the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocol for Places of Worship, (Appendix F), posted at <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/</a>.

- 3. Permits and Procedures. In order to effectuate Sections 1 and 2 of this Public Order, the City's PRCS Director shall have the authority and discretion to establish procedures, standards, conditions, rules and regulations, as he may deem appropriate, to implement the processing and approval of such permits to use designated outdoor park space for youth sports programs, in-person faith based services, and therapeutic small group meetings, while ensuring compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and any other measures deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
- 4. Continued Waiver of Outdoor Dining and Valet Parking License Fees. As set forth in the March 20, April 11, May 14 and May 27, 2020 Supplements to Public Orders, outdoor dining license fees and valet parking license fees will continue to be waived, through October 31, 2020, or the termination of the Local Emergency, whichever occurs earlier.
- 5. This Twenty-Fourth 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 herein, public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside of a single household or living unit continue to be prohibited.
- 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.

Any violation of this Twenty-Fourth 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-Fourth Supplement to Public Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until superseded, amended, modified, or rescinded.

Date:

John M. Nachbar, City Manager Director of Emergency Services

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