

July 7, 2020

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Review Chapter 8.100 of the LBMC which provides for a temporary eviction moratorium and rent deferment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, consider and discuss potential changes thereto, and if necessary, direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending Chapter 8.100 of the Long Beach Municipal Code. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On March 24, 2020 the City Council adopted an ordinance codified as Chapter 8.100 of the LBMC (the "Ordinance") temporarily prohibiting evictions of residential and commercial tenants due to non-payment of rent resulting from adverse impacts associated with COVID-19. On May 26, 2020 the City Council adopted an ordinance which, among other things, extended the application of the Ordinance, subject to certain exceptions.

On May 26 the City Council also gave direction to staff to bring the Ordinance back for review by Council so that Council could consider changes to the Ordinance in light of updated information on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including without limitation, the potential extension of the application of the eviction moratorium beyond July 31, 2020. On June 30, 2020, California Governor Newsom issued an executive order extending the suspension of the application of certain State laws, which suspension allows (but does not require) local jurisdictions to extend eviction moratoriums until September 30, 2020.

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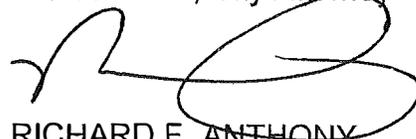
SUGGESTED ACTION:

Consider and discuss potential amendments to LBMC 8.100, and if necessary, direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance enacting such amendments.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

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