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RESOLUTION NO. RES-20-0068

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING TIME-LIMITED COVID-19 ECONOMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF PROPOSALS FOR INDIVIDUALS, WORKING FAMILIES, AND RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, BY VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, FIRE, AND PUBLIC WORKS; UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE CITY MANAGER

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency based on the threat caused by COVID-19 (also known as the "Coronavirus"); and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency (Executive Order N-25-20) in California based on the threats to public health caused by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, after deep concern by the World Health Organization and the Federal government, and as a result of the need to proactively slow the spread of, and combat, COVID-19 in the City of Long Beach, the City Public Health Officer issued a Declaration of Local Health Emergency and the Acting City Manager issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the City Council of the City of Long Beach confirmed that an emergency did exist and unanimously passed a Resolution ratifying the City Manager's Proclamation of a Local Emergency and the Public Health Officer's Declaration of Local Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared

1 the COVID-19 a pandemic; and

2 WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of  
3 America declared a National Emergency as a result of COVID-19; and

4 WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council requested the City  
5 Manager to consult with all relevant City Departments to evaluate the feasibility of  
6 implementing a temporary economic relief package for those individuals, working families  
7 and businesses operating or living in the City of Long Beach; and

8 WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of California  
9 issued an Order (Executive Order N-33-20) that all individuals living in California stay  
10 home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations  
11 for certain critical infrastructure sectors, to protect the public health of Californians, to  
12 mitigate the impact of COVID-19, and to ensure the healthcare delivery system is  
13 capable of serving all; and

14 WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, in order to mitigate the effects of COVID-  
15 19 within the City, the Long Beach Health Officer issued the "Safer at Home" Order,  
16 (which Order has been amended and restated several times by the City Health Officer  
17 since its initial promulgation), to control the affects and spread of COVID-19; and

18 WHEREAS, since the initial City Council direction on March 17, 2020 for the  
19 City Manager, in consultation with the City Departments, to develop various COVID-19  
20 related economic relief proposals, staff in the Development Services, Financial  
21 Management, Public Works, and Fire Departments have each assessed their services,  
22 fees, and approvals to identify relevant relief for individuals, working families and small  
23 businesses. Upon review of the relief measures proposed, the City Attorney has  
24 determined that their implementation will require City Council adoption of a resolution for  
25 most measures, and a code amendment for two of the proposed relief measures; and

26 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to adopt a resolution  
27 providing such economic relief measures to individuals, working families and businesses.

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1                   NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
2 follows:

3                   Section 1           The City Council of the City of Long Beach authorizes the City  
4 Manager to provide the following temporary economic relief measures as set forth below:

5 Development Services Department

6                   Planning

- 7                   1. Extend the expiration period of existing entitlement approvals by 24 months, all  
8                   approvals not expired on January 1, 2020 will now expire 24 months beyond their  
9                   original expiration date.
- 10                  2. Extend the entitlement expiration period for new project approvals issued on or  
11                  after June 2, 2020, to 36 months.
- 12                  3. Allow deferral of 50% of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) or other entitlement  
13                  application fees greater than \$1,000, for projects submitted from June 2, 2020,  
14                  through December 31, 2020. Fifty percent (50%) of the fee would be required to  
15                  be paid at the time of application, and the remaining fifty percent (50%) of the  
16                  fee would be required to be paid prior to the scheduled public hearing date for  
17                  the project, or prior to a final project determination. This deferral is not applicable  
18                  to environmental fees or noticing fees. This benefit provides an average deferral  
19                  of approximately 90 days.

20 Building and Safety

- 21                  1. For all plans submitted, or plans to be submitted, on or before December 31,  
22                  2020, the plan review period would be extended from 12 months to 18 months.
- 23                  2. For all building permits already issued, or to be issued, through December 31,  
24                  2020, expiration dates for said permits would be extended from a 24-month  
25                  expiration period to a 36 month expiration period.
- 26                  3. For all building plan checks submitted on or after June 2, 2020, through  
27                  December 31, 2020, projects with a valuation of less than \$100,000, would be  
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1 allowed to defer payment of building plan check fees until building permit  
2 issuance.

- 3 4. A process will be established at the Permit Center to allow fee payments by  
4 phone via a secure credit card transaction process until an on-line payment  
5 system can be implemented.

6 Code Enforcement

7 1. For administrative citation Warning Notices issued between March 1, 2020,  
8 through August 31, 2020, the compliance period would be extended from a 30-  
9 day compliance period to a 60-day compliance period, except for violations  
10 regarding weeds, trash, debris, and graffiti. Warning notices for weeds, trash,  
11 debris and graffiti will maintain a 30-day compliance period.

12 2. The compliance period for all citations issued between March 1, 2020, through  
13 August 31, 2020, would be extended from a 30-day compliance period to a 60-  
14 day compliance period. Citations for weeds, trash, debris and graffiti will maintain  
15 a 30-day compliance period.

16 3. Code Enforcement staff will discontinue the issuance of proactive parking  
17 citations on private property for a period of approximately 90-days from June 2,  
18 2020, through August 31, 2020. Citations will continue to be issued in response  
19 to complaints.

20 4. Proactive Rental Housing Inspection Program (PRHIP) fees will be deferred for  
21 60-days from the due date. Invoices for PRHIP fees are mailed to property  
22 owners annually in mid-October with a 45-day payment period which requires  
23 payment by the end of November. This provision would extend the payment  
24 period by 60 days and payment of PRHIP fees would be due by January 31,  
25 2021.

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27 Fire Department

28 1. For all plans submitted for Fire plan check on or after January 1, 2020, through

- 1 December 31, 2020, the plan review period will be extended from 12-months to  
2 18-months.
- 3 2. For all Fire construction permits issued on or after January 1, 2020, through  
4 December 31, 2020, the expiration period will be extended from a 24-month  
5 expiration period to a 36-month expiration period.
- 6 3. An extension of the annual inspection fee balance due dates would be granted,  
7 extending the period by 60 days.
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9 Financial Management Department

- 10 1. Penalty fees for all late payments on all business license taxes, including  
11 commercial property licensees and residential property licensees, will be waived  
12 from March 16, 2020 through August 31, 2020. Penalties will be assessed on  
13 bills that are late as of September 1, 2020.
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15 Public Works Department

16 Public Walkway Occupancy Permits

- 17 1. For all parklet and sidewalk dining permits that expire on or after January 1, 2020,  
18 through December 31, 2020, applicants can defer payment of the renewal fee  
19 for 10 months from date of permit expiration.
- 20 2. For all new parklet and sidewalk dining permits submitted on or after June 2,  
21 2020, through December 31, 2020, applicants can defer payment of plan check  
22 and permitting fees for 10 months from the date of application submission.

23 New Development Permits

- 24 1. For all new residential and commercial building plan review applications  
25 submitted on or after June 2, 2020 through December 31, 2020, projects with a  
26 valuation of less than \$100,000, can defer payments of plan check+ application  
27 fees until permit issuance.
- 28 2. For all new residential and commercial building plan review applications

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submitted on or after June 2, 2020 through December 31,2020, projects with a valuation of over \$100,000, may pay 50% of the plan review fee at time of application submittal, and defer the other 50% of the plan review fee until time of permit issuance.

Section 2 This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of June 9, 2020; by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Pearce, Price,  
Supernaw, Mungo, Andrews,  
Uranga, Austin, Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: None.

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.

  
City Clerk