EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-8

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, IMPLEMENTING EMERGENCY MEASURES TO ASSIST LOCAL BUSINESSES AND TEMPORARILY SUSPEND ENFORCEMENT OF SPECIFIED PARKING REQUIREMENTS THROUGH THE COVID-19 CRISIS

SECTION 1. RECITALS

A. All of the recitals in West Hollywood Director of Emergency Services Executive Order Nos. 2020-1, 2020-2, 2020-3, 2020-4, and 2020-7 remain in effect and are incorporated herein by reference.

B. As of the date of this Order, the Governor has authorized some limited retail and outdoor recreation venues to reopen and the County of Los Angeles updated its Health Officer Order on May 13, 2020 to begin the move into stage 2 of the County’s roadmap to recovery. The County has created industry-specific reopening protocols for outdoor recreation areas, business and industries that have been permitted to reopen to require these spaces to implement specific safety protocols implementing social distancing and cleaning/sanitizing measures to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

C. The County Health Officer Order was updated again on May 26th, May 29th, June 11th, and June 18, 2020, to permit the reopening of additional businesses subject to their individual industry-specific protocols. Following the June 18th order however, the State and County have seen a sharp increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations and evidence demonstrates that the timing of these increases is in line with the reopening of key sectors, including bars and restaurants which are places where people remove their face covering to eat and drink while they may be socializing with people not in their households.

D. As a result, the County Health Officer issued a revised Order on June 28th to backtrack on the reopening of businesses, and to among other things, order the closure of high risk businesses such as bars, breweries and wine tasting rooms. The Health Officer Order was updated again on July 1, 2020, to among other things, temporarily prohibit indoor, in person dining. The Health Officer Orders still instructs residents to remain in their residences as much as practicable and sectors of the economy remain closed.

E. On July 1, 2020, the City Council of the City of Los Angeles extended the duration of relaxed parking enforcement categories originally set to expire on July
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6, 2020, through the end of July. The following parking rules are relaxed under the emergency order and may be extended by the City Council: (1) residential street sweeping; (2) expired registration on a vehicle; (2) overnight/oversize parking districts; (4) peak/rush hour and gridlock zone parking restrictions; (5) no ticket/tow for abandoned vehicles and oversized/overnight parking; and (6) vehicle displaying recently expired permits with preferential parking districts will have a two week grace period following the expiration to renew.

F. The City of West Hollywood is surrounded by the City of Los Angeles on three sides. To avoid uncertainty and confusion associated with various local regulations governing parking regulations and enforcement in place during the COVID-19 pandemic and while residents remain at home, the City of West Hollywood desires to implement flexible and temporary parking measures to coincide with those adopted by the City of Los Angeles and in response to Health Officer orders instructing or mandating residents to stay at home.

G. The emergency measures below are also intended to provide economic relief to City businesses and residents that are experiencing economic uncertainty during the pandemic while continuing to heed State and County safety measures intended to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

H. During the pendency of the local emergency and statewide state of emergency, the Director of Emergency Services is empowered: “[t]o make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency; provided, however, such rules and regulations must be confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the City Council. . .” under Section 2.80.060 A.(6)(a) of the West Hollywood Municipal Code.

I. This Order is adopted pursuant to the City’s police powers and powers afforded to the City in time of national, state, county and local emergency during an unprecedented health pandemic, such powers being afforded by the State Constitution, State law, and the Chapter 2.80 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code to protect the peace, health, and safety of the public, and to protect life and property as affected by the emergency, in that this order provides financial relief to local businesses and relaxes parking restrictions for residents while remaining at home during the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with guidance from public health officials and local measures to reduce spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul Arevalo, the Director of Emergency Services for the City of West Hollywood, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately, subject to ratification as soon as practicable by the City Council:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any conflicting W.H.M.C. requirement or license or permit condition, the following rules apply:
A. The annual renewal fees paid to the City for Regulatory Business Licenses and Outdoor Dining, Valet Meter, and Valet Sign Encroachment Permits for the calendar year of 2020 are deferred and will not be due until October 1, 2020. These twelve-month fees will be prorated and City businesses will only pay for nine (9) months of the annual renewal fees. This extension is in lieu of, and repeals the tolling granted for encroachment and valet permits in paragraph (B) of Section 3 of Resolution No. 20-5267, adopted by the City Council on April 6, 2020.

B. City businesses that paid their Regulatory Business License and Outdoor Dining, Valet Meter, and Valet Sign Encroachment Permit renewal fees between January 1, 2020, and through the adoption of this order will receive a three month credit in the annual fee during the next annual billing cycle in calendar year 2021.

SECTION 3. In addition to the emergency measures adopted in Section 2 above, the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services further orders, notwithstanding any conflicting W.H.M.C requirement or parking restriction, the following rules apply:

A. Enforcement of city parking regulations for residential street sweeping will be suspended through July 31, 2020.

B. To encourage residents to move their cars during street sweeping, persons with a valid resident, guest, or visitor parking permit may park for no charge at nearby parking meters during restricted street sweeping hours. Vehicles must have a valid permit displayed and may park in the metered space up to 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after the posted hours for street sweeping that is taking place adjacent the address where the permit is registered. This measure will continue to be valid through August 31, 2020.

C. Enforcement of city parking regulations for peak/rush-hour zone restrictions will be suspended through July 31, 2020.

D. The Public Works Director is authorized to further suspend enforcement of parking regulations, as necessary to maintain consistency with City of Los Angeles’ relaxation of parking regulations or in response to revisions to the Health Officer orders instructing or mandating residents stay at home.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this order is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this order.

SECTION 5. Effective Date and Termination. This Order shall become effective immediately and shall continue until the earlier to occur of: (1) the conclusion of the local emergency; (2) its termination is ordered by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services; or (3) it is duly terminated by the City Council. The Order may also be superseded by a duly enacted ordinance or order of the City Council expressly superseding this Order.
ORDERED by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Service this 7/10/2020 day of July, 2020.

Paul Arevalo, City Manager and Director of Emergency Services
City of West Hollywood

Yvonne Quarker, City Clerk