



Agenda Report

June 1, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Planning & Community Development Department

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S FIFTH SUPPLEMENT TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY SUSPENDING/MODIFYING VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the actions proposed are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) as they will not have a potentially significant environmental effect and, therefore, fall under the General Rule exemption;
2. Adopt a Resolution ratifying the City Manager's fifth supplement to the Declaration of Local Emergency suspending/modifying various requirements of the Pasadena Municipal Code.

BACKGROUND:

COVID-19 has had profound impacts not only on public health, but also on the economy at every scale ranging from local to global. Locally in Pasadena, the measures taken to protect public health have resulted in most businesses having to cease operating completely or significantly scale back their services. As public health officials and other decision-makers move toward a gradual reopening of various business sectors, it is the City's desire to work in partnership with our local business community to assist them in the transition to reopening in a manner that is both safe and economically viable.

There are a variety of municipal code provisions that can be modified in order to make it easier for businesses, particularly restaurants, to re-open in modified format and remain in compliance with public health regulations as they may be modified throughout the re-opening stages. In addition, staff has identified certain processes that can also be re-examined and shortened, streamlined, or eliminated altogether in order to facilitate rapid approvals. The focus on the 5th amendment is to temporarily suspend or modify existing code requirements to assist local businesses in their re-opening efforts.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed action is consistent with the City Council's strategic planning goal to maintain fiscal responsibility and stability and to promote quality of life and the local economy.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The actions proposed herein are not projects subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 21065 of CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c)(2), 15060 (c)(3), and 15378. Since the actions are not projects subject to CEQA, no environmental document is required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact associated with this action is negligible when compared against the impact of the COVID-19 related shutdown on the local economy. The proposed action is intended to help support the re-opening of economic activity.

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved by:



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